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Renville administration broadcasts Tribal Council meetings live over Tribal radio station KXSW-FM

By CD Floro
Sota Editor

Hitting the ground running, SWO Tribal Chairman Bruce Renville is fulfilling a pledge to make Tribal government more transparent by having Council meetings broadcast live. Oyate can tune in the sessions live over KXSW-FM on 89.9 FM on the radio dial; or streaming over the internet at <http://kxsw899fm.wix.com/dakota/>.

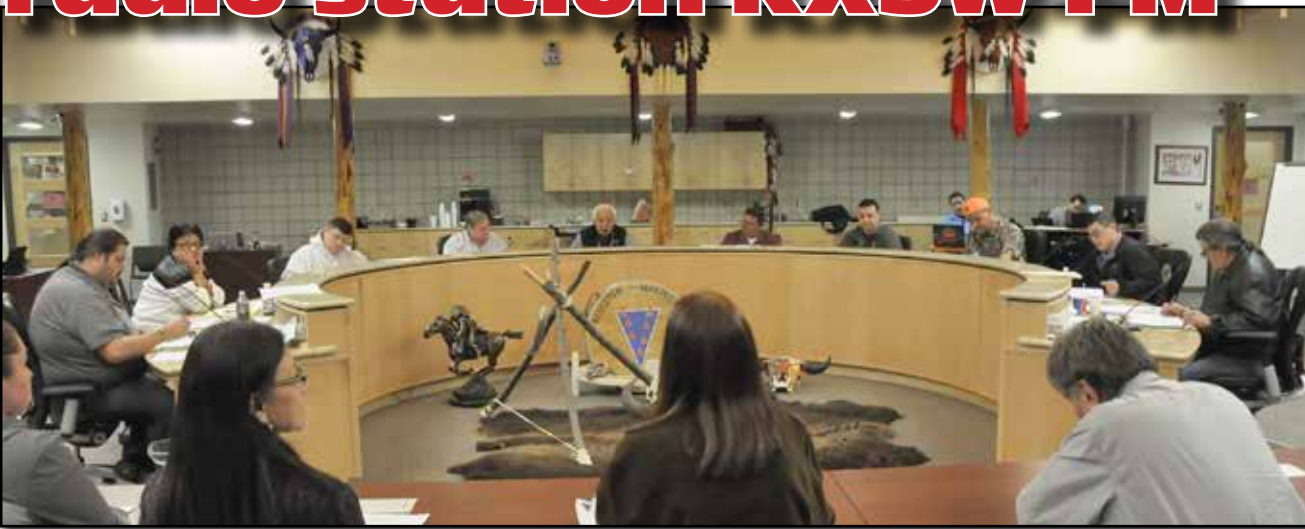
This service allows not only Oyate in the FM coverage area to listen, but those from anywhere as long as they have access to the internet.

Sota Reporter/Photographer John Heminger attended the first meetings this past week. He would like to do live video streaming, and we’re working on the technical issues to make that happen.

John noticed that while attendance was very light, if an issue ignited interest more and more people would filter into the Council chambers.

One issue that has raised a lot of questions is how Tribal Council, Tribal Court and REB have handled overturning general election results which had Crystal Owen as Tribal Secretary-elect in last November’s race. Lorraine Rousseau filed a challenge in Tribal Court and asked Oyate to sign a petition. (See related article.)

Here are photo highlights from the two days of meetings, held on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 13-14.



SWO Tribal Council meeting last week; meetings are now being broadcast live over Tribal radio station KXSW-FM on the air and on the internet.

NDSU, SWC partner to serve American Indian students

Fargo, N.D., Jan. 16 – Representatives from North Dakota State University and Sisseton Wahpeton College today signed a memorandum of understanding aimed at strengthening both institutions abilities to meet the needs of American Indian students.

The agreement is expected to help American Indian students pursue advanced degrees at institutions of higher learning.

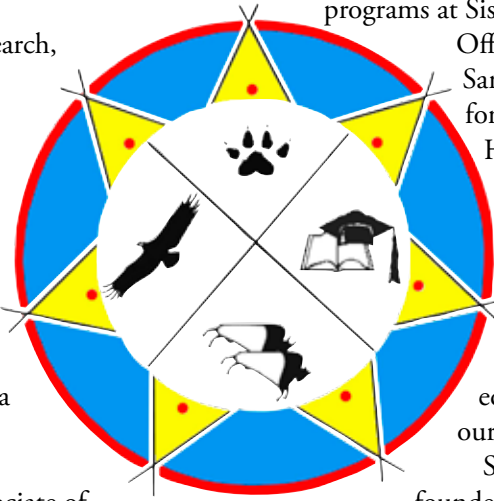
Sisseton Wahpeton College is using a \$1.2 million grant from the National Science Foundation’s Tribal Colleges and Universities Program to increase its science, technology, engineering and mathematics instructional and research capacities.

The agreement’s objectives include:

- Providing transitional programs and support services to facilitate the transfer of students between the institutions
- Developing a faculty exchange program, which includes teaching opportunities for NDSU graduate students
- Identifying collaborative research, scholarship and service-learning projects for both institutions’ students, faculty and staff
- Fostering cultural education and enrichment
- Developing an articulation agreement so that students participating in classes at Sisseton Wahpeton College can easily transfer to NDSU to pursue a bachelor’s degree

NDSU also will help Sisseton Wahpeton College establish an associate of arts degree in the behavioral sciences. The program will include a wide range of disciplines within the subject area. The agreement provides Sisseton Wahpeton College students with teachers in fields that are not often accessible to them.

Agreement expected to help American Indian students pursue advanced degrees



“We’re very excited about this opportunity to strengthen our relationship with Sisseton Wahpeton College, particularly by collaborating with them in establishing a program that will meet the needs of Native American students and help them to prepare

for important leadership roles in tribal communities,” said Kent Sandstrom, dean of the NDSU College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

Sisseton Wahpeton College students also will be introduced to NDSU research. The undergraduate research experiences are expected to help recruit and retain underrepresented students into STEM studies and careers, which is another goal of the Tribal Colleges and Universities Program.

“The connection of faculty to research and thereby the student to culturally and geographically relevant research is an important step in producing students who are more likely to pursue advanced degrees,” said Scott Morgan, director of institutional research and programs at Sisseton Wahpeton College.

Officials attending the signing included Sandstrom and NDSU Vice Provost for Academic Affairs Charlene Wolf-Hall, and Morgan and Sisseton Wahpeton College President Harvey DuMarce.

“I look forward to working with NDSU officials,” DuMarce said. “This memorandum of understanding will open up more educational opportunities for both of our institutions.”

Sisseton Wahpeton College was founded in 1979 and typically serves 200 to 250 students, mostly enrolled members of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate. A similar memorandum of understanding was signed in 2014 with South Dakota State University. The National Science Foundation grant is No. 1361649.



Thursday, January 15 Council session – view from behind SWO Tribal Chairman Bruce Renville, Acting SWO Tribal Secretary Winfield “JR” Rondell. (Sota photo by John Heminger.)



Tribal Executives. (Sota photo by John Heminger.)



Buffalo Lake, Big Coulee and Toka Nuwan Tribal Council representatives. (Sota photo by John Heminger.)

Special Sota report –

Sisseton public school Title VII forum last week

By Sierra Wolcott
Sota Assistant Editor

The annual Sisseton School District Title VII public forum was held last Wednesday evening, January 14 in the multipurpose room at Sisseton High School.

There were four parents in attendance as well as the Title VII Board, Title VII employees, the Sisseton School Superintendent Dr. Stephen Schulte, SWO JOM Manager Robin Robertson, and representing the SWO Education Director Dr. Sherry Johnson.

Title VII Director Delphine Wanna opened the meeting with an overview of the program.

This school year, she reported, there are 598 students of Native American descent attending the Sisseton School District; that is out of 956 students total in the District.

Delphine submitted the Title VII annual certification to the Department of Education (DOE) on December 1st, 2014.

Sometime before April she will receive word on the budget amount for the next fiscal year. Title VII will then submit the next year’s objectives. For the current year objectives for the Program include attendance, math, and reading.

Dr. Johnson asked how results were quantified for goals.

Delphine Wanna explained that, as far as the application to the DOE, Title I Director Dr. April Moen submits student test scores. Title VII helps with tutoring, rides home after tutoring, school supplies, and has Ipads and laptops students can borrow. Program employees also make calls, she explained, when children are not at school.

Communication is an important role for Title VII employees. When students are missing school Title VII

makes contact with students, parents, and faculty to ensure the success of the student.

When asked how parents and students know about the services Title VII provides, parents were told there is a brochure given to all students when they register in the District for the first time.

Joy Lohre, who works with students at the High School expressed that the kids know her. When they need something they contact her.

A parent asked what the policy was on transporting students to appointments. Title VII employees can only transport students to IHS for behavioral health appointments. For dental and medical appointments students must be transported by a parent or guardian due to IHS regulations.

Many questions were asked in regard to attendance. It is mandatory to mail out a letter when students have missed ten total days. Tutoring or other measures may be decided at this point. If the absences are culturally related or due to medical/dental reasons the courts with most likely not become involved.

Board Chair Sherylin Marks asked Dr. Johnson what she believed would be the best system for getting kids to school.

Dr. Johnson replied that attendance is an issue everywhere. Having the parents come to a Board meeting to explain absences is one way to keep parents accountable, not only students. Dr. Johnson also stated that the Title VII Program is doing a good job. She stated that it would be a good idea for the Program to have quantifiable data. That way progress can be tracked.



Officials from NDSU and Sisseton Wahpeton College discuss a memorandum of understanding aimed at meeting the needs of American Indian students.

Sisseton Title VII forum
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Oyate question overturning
SWO Tribal Secretary general
election results



By CD Floro
Sota Editor
Candidates for Tribal office are ineligible to run for office if they owe debts to Tribal programs and/or entities and have not arranged to pay them by the deadline of the certification process. It is the responsibility of those programs/entities to identify unsatisfied debts and the Reservation Election Board to certify candidates. During the

process, candidates are given an opportunity to either pay the debt or pay on it and set up payments.

At that point, a candidate is eligible for certification. Or not. Certification is not given to candidates who will not satisfy the program/entity to which they are indebted.

It seems like a pretty clear process. It's been my experience that candidates serious about running have made good on old debts to the Sota Iya Ye Yapi in order to be certified.

But something broke down in the certification process here, if the Sisseton-Wahpeton Housing Authority or REB – or both – failed to identify a debt owed to the Tribe by Crystal.

The SWHA report signed by Housing Director Floyd Kirk said that Crystal Owen owed no debt to the Tribe.

And so REB certified her as an eligible candidate to run in the SWO elections for position of Tribal Secretary.

If a debt had been reported, said Crystal, she would have taken care of it during the certification process.

There is a difference of opinion about whether or not SWHA should have considered a running account for housing, which was being paid off with payroll deductions, as a debt owed the Tribe. SWHA did not consider it as such.

But after the election, the other candidates went to court charging REB and SWHA for improperly certifying Crystal Owen.

Here are statements by Crystal Owen that describe the ordeal from her perspective:
January 13, 2015 –

Han Mitakuyapi, My relatives:
I have been thinking and praying long and hard about all that has happened to me in this 2014 SWO Tribal Election.

I want to fully explain to you, my supporters the circumstances that led up to this point. I keep going over it in my mind trying to make sense of it all.

I made the decision to run for Office of Tribal Secretary because I felt I was ready.

In January 2014 I started calling around to the Tribal entities asking if I owed them any debt. I checked and I double checked. I picked up and paid what needed to be paid. I felt good. I felt confident that day that I filed my application to the Reservation Election Board and paid my \$250.00 fee.

I waited through all the time frames that REB set up. I waited through the time frame when Tribal members have the opportunity to challenge any candidates.

Finally, in July I was certified by the Reservation Election Board. In September I made it through the Primary Election. On October 30th (about a week before the General Election).

(A political appointee working for the Tribal

Secretary) put out on Facebook that I was dishonest and that I owed Tribal Housing \$6000.00 so I should get out of the election.

Of course I was upset about it but I chalked it up to a poor attempt at political bashing against me. I knew this woman worked for the Tribal Secretary and ... she already had a personal vendetta against me.

Despite this fabricated information being put out there I still managed to win the General Election.

The Tribal Council on the night of November 4th after the General Election made a motion to accept the election results and not one of them opposed.

Frances Crawford my opponent came up and shook my hand.

Then all three of my opponents filed an injunction against me in Tribal Court.

I hired a lawyer to represent me. I didn't think they had justifiable evidence against me saying I caused erroneous voting, saying that I found loop holes and that I duped voters into voting for me because I had a debt.

Judge Jones didn't make a decision and referred it back to the REB for a hearing. My lawyer and I attended the hearing and the information we heard, we thought was good.

We were confident the REB would rule in my favor but they did not. The REB is made up 6 women who I think all have a conflict of interest. The majority of them are tribal employees working under the Tribal Secretary. Despite all of that I went in there and I told the truth.

SWO Housing Director DID NOT CONSIDER MY HOUSING ACCOUNT A DEBT. So I was never afforded the opportunity to pay anything. I never had my hearing back in July or August when those types of conflicts should have taken place because Floyd Kirk did not consider it a debt and signed my REB form accordingly.

Well REB took the position that SWO Housing Director SHOULD have considered my account as of April 30th a debt and therefore disqualified me. To be perfectly honest I did not consider my rent account a debt that was worthy to disqualify me. I had payroll deduction to the SWO Housing Authority up until April 30th. What I owed on my account as of April 30th was not rent but was water and appliance fees. I wasn't being charged enough through payroll deduction to cover those because when Housing took on the responsibility to maintain those homes for IHS they were not clear about how to charge those amounts to the tenants. Not only Floyd but two of his employees also testified that they did not consider it a debt. I said it once and I will say it again. It was an active, live account. I live there. I had payroll deduction and I was doing drug testing work for the Housing for which I was to get a credit to my account.

There is nothing in the REB codes that say candidates cannot fall behind on their Housing payments after the April 30th deadline date.

I live in IHS housing where rent and other charges are nearly 1000 per month. Any amount owed after April 30th should have no bearing on my candidacy status.

The Codes do not allow for circumstances if Tribal Program directors do not consider candidate accounts as debt. Now, had the SWO Housing Director said I had a debt back in April I would have had the opportunity to pay. I was never given that opportunity. My opponents got ahold of confidential information after the fact and spread it all over Facebook via their supporters.

I did nothing wrong but WIN the election Fair and Square!

Now this fight is separating families and our community and I apologize for that. It's also been hard

Social “helper” column dedicated to young generation Oyate –



By Shay Dirtseller
Dear Shay:
I am writing just so my question and voice will be heard and I feel comfortable in knowing you will allow me to do so. So thank you beforehand.

Now, my question to all these young women, ages 17-30, why are so many of you quick to be with the Mexican men in Veblen? Do you think it is exotic to speak Spanish?

You young women are so beautiful yet you insist on being with these men all because they have money, drugs, nice cars, etc. But do any of you realize that most of these men are using you? They use you to live in our Tribal housing and end up bringing all their relatives in with them. They abuse and beat on you women but yet you still stay! There have been stories of rape and diseases yet you all still seem blind to it and continue to flock to Veblen to meet a Mexican man.

Do any of you realize that they use Native girls to have children called “anchor babies?” Which means if the father gets deported all he has to do is say he has a child with a Native American woman and BOOM he is allowed to come back and have more kids with more Native women while he already has a wife and kids in Mexico, Guatemala, Puerto Rico or wherever they come from.

I see on Facebook so many of you girls going by your “Spanish nicknames” and speaking Spanish when a couple years ago you didn't know one word of Spanish! You all would rather learn Spanish then take the time and learn YOUR OWN language, the language of YOUR PEOPLE!

Ladies, you need to wake the heck up and realize that these men and their drugs are killing our people by not only trafficking drugs but young kids as well! I had a few friends who have dated one of the guys from Veblen so I've seen how they treated them and in some cases these men have even taken their children and left to different states with the kids. Now that alone is scarier

on my family and me. The only thing I am guilty of is winning the election and standing up for what I believe is right. I believe the voice of the people is important. When they elected me to the position of SWO Tribal Secretary I heard them loud and clear. I only wish my opponents would have listened as well. Additional –

The entire process in which the 2014 SWO Election was taken away from me was a violation of my rights but Tribal Court Judge Jones and the SWO Reservation Election Board didn't care. I believe the decisions they made were all politically motivated from the start. DO NOT let their decisions continue to disrupt Tribal Government. The REB, the Judge and now Tribal Council is allowing our voting rights to continue to be violated.

By approving and authorizing a new general election to be held with candidates they choose is NOT RIGHT!

If there is to be a new general election anyone who so chooses should be allowed to throw their name in the hat.

I'm thankful that I was granted an appeal with a new judge this Thursday, January 22nd at 8:00 a.m. at the SWO Tribal Court.

than anything I could possibly imagine, but I also saw how other young girls thought it was just the bees knee to be taken shopping or being drunk at their parties or meeting up with them just because they had money and cars.

Do you women think so little of yourself? Do you not know your worth as beautiful DAKOTA WIYANS? PLEASE WAKE UP AND REALIZE YOU DESERVE SO MUCH MORE!

Signed,
Dakota Winyan.
Dear Dakota

Winyan:
Thank you for your words and the passion in your letter. I have seen this too. I also believe you hit the nail on the head with this letter which means I will let it speak for itself and hope it reaches the young women of our Oyate. It is bad enough that the same trafficking, drug problems and other issues are plaguing our neighbors in North Dakota but to have all of this so close to home ... it's frightening.

Well, I hope people read this, especially the young women in our community. Again thank you for your letter!

Respectfully, Shay.
(Editor's note: My own family has ties to loving Hispanic people. We cannot judge any people by a group. In this case, as has been alleged and brought out in our SWO grassroots solutions meetings there really are Hispanic people in Veblen and elsewhere on our Lake Traverse Reservation who are doing just what this letter says. This must be tolerated no more. Oyate, do not be intimidated into remaining silent. Call Tribal Law Enforcement, giving your name and all the information you know. And be willing to go into Tribal Court. This must not continue. The children, the most vulnerable are being born addicted to meth, to cocaine, to heroin. Our young girls are being prostituted. We know the problem. Fear and intimidation must not continue. We have warriors. Hey stand up against them and their supposed gang ties.)

I want to thank everyone for all of the support. This has been a very trying time for all of us. One of the lessons that I have learned from this entire experience is summed up in this post from Lorraine Rousseau: “I too am seeing people standing up and speaking out for what they believe in. I have seen people that I would never would have thought, stand up and voice their concerns and that was one of the most empowering things I have seen in a long time! That's the only way that things are going to change, we can no longer accept the status quo.”

Now I don't know what is going to happen on Thursday but I want all of my family, my friends, my relatives, my supporters, to know that you have given me hope! I appreciate each and every one of you and all of your good words!

Wopida Tanka!

In the event the independent judge rules against Crystal, there is a petition being circulated by Lorraine Rousseau for Oyate to sign that supports Crystal Owen's case.

The Sota will report on outcome of Thursday's hearing online and in next week's edition.

Buffalo Lake District
honors elders

Buffalo Lake District has honored two of their most distinguished elders for the year 2014. The honorees selected were Lorraine M. Rosseau and Geno Demarrias.

Lorraine's lifelong achievements and dedication to her district are remarkable. Her latest accomplishment was her being selected as nominee for the prestigious “Spirit of Dakota” award in September, 2014. Lorraine continues to work for the District.

Geno's achievements also well noted. Geno has worked mainly behind the scenes as a Volunteer for the Elderly Affairs program and his strong advocacy and commitment for the Tribes Elderly abuse team. His dedication and input for District affairs are remarkable.

Both honorees were awarded a monetary gift for their special services to the Tribe and most of all the Buffalo Lake District.



Lorraine Rousseau, one of the elders honored by Buffalo Lake District.

Services pending for
Yvonne Wilson

Yvonne Wilson, age 70, of Salem, OR journeyed to the Spirit World on January 16, 2015.



Robin Robertson submitted to Dr. Schulte a request from the Johnson O'Malley Board to have a drum sing an honor song at graduation. Dr. Schulte explained that an honor song will be performed. The senior class usually requests and pays for that. Dr. Schulte was also asked if caps could be beaded or plumes could be worn during graduation. Plumes can be worn, he responded, but he was not sure about beadwork on caps.

Robin Robertson asked the board when election for a new Board member would be. Delphine Wanna and Sherylin Marks both replied. They expressed that when they have elections no one shows up. They said they will either have an election or appoint someone to the vacant seat as soon as they have completed edits to the board by-laws. Robin offered assistance with an election when the time comes.

Dr. Johnson offered assistance to the Board in regard to communications with the Tribe.

I asked if a cultural sensitivity training had been found for faculty and staff (Principal Dan Yost of Westside Elementary said at a Parent Advisory meeting that he had asked Delphine to look into such training). Delphine responded that Mr. Yost had not, in fact, asked her to look into training, but that she would ask. Title VII does not have time to do cultural activities like they used to, she said, because of No Child Left Behind.

Sherylin and Delphine thanked everyone for

coming and announced the next monthly meeting of the Board would be held February 11th in Dr. Schulte's office.

Editor's personal note:
I want to thank the Title VII Program for their hard work and dedication to the children. My son, who has a difficult time in school due to autism, connected with Title VII employee Gordie Robertson and it made all the difference in his day. That is what it's all about. Our children. I am thankful that our children have this program in the school.

Also, at the meeting I asked Dr. Schulte to explain how he utilizes the Title VII Board for advice on curriculum and cultural matters. Here is why I asked that:

When the Tribe requests to the School Board that a Native American Parent Committee be created Dr. Schulte explains that the Title VII Board helps with cultural decisions in curriculum, etc. According to Title VII Board members, that is not the case, and they prefer it that way so that they may focus on Title VII specific goals.

After I clarified the question for him, Dr. Schulte responded to the question with “whatever.”

I don't ask these questions to upset anyone. I ask in hopes to clear the air. To extract the truth and move on. At the moment, there is not a committee that the School District goes to with questions regarding Tribal student's needs. The need for a Native American Parent Committee is apparent. Title VII Board has very specific goals, not inclusive of the items Dr. Schulte had mentioned.

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Editorials

Sota editorial –

Calling riders to the storm

Hau mitakuyapi, sunkan-wakan akicita! As in generations of ancestors when called to protect the village to save lives of the women and children from enemy warriors, or wasicu soldiers again you are called, not to parade, not to share beautiful Dakota culture, not even this time for unity among the campfires or reconciliation, no this is a call to war within the homeland this is not a call to grand entry for oyate wacipi no, a real war, give it the name that it is, war to save the oyate to save the women and children being abused and drugged and killed by alien drug dealers who have come north as invaders into our seven districts of the Lake Traverse Reservation dealing death drugs, luring with those drugs and money and gifts, shiny things that cost our babies, prostitute our young children and paralyze our community in fear afraid of what? naming our own

children for the court? signing a complaint? oh no, if you do that the gangs might get you in your bed at night, or on the road pull you over and end your life courage is not fearlessness, no it is accepting fear but standing up to do what your heart understands you must do for yourself and for your people, your oyate, your tiospaye here is war and a storm, come ride come saddle up your ponies and ride through our districts, up and down the streets where our beautiful young women are being raped where babies are growing inside women being fed the poisons of meth, cocaine, heroin where children are being sold, no more no more, no more, come and saddle up get your ponies and ride, you ride for the Dakota 38 plus two now come ride for the screams of the little ones dying at the hands of the aliens here let them know their gang strength will never be enough to withstand you riders, our akicita will end this destruction, yes, this is war, this is war, aho!

-- CDF

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On and Off the Rez

Brief commentaries from the Sota editor

Pidamiya to our columnist Shay (DuMarce) Dirtseller.
Please take time to read this week's Wawokiyape column. Shay takes a letter from a Dakota winyan who bares the scab off a festering wound. A big part of the poison hurting our babies and families of our Oyate.
We encourage others to stand up. Be willing to sign charges for our Tribal Law Enforcement and Tribal Court.
Otherwise we will continue to live in fear and sink deeper in the ugly epidemic we've been addressing with our SWO grassroots solutions.
Looking forward to continuing these solutions meetings with Meth Prevention Coordinator Crystal Owen.

Our 147th annual SWO Wacipi photo gallery is online.
Check it out on our website:
<http://www.earthskyweb.com/news.htm>

Also online now is a photo gallery of John Heminger's coverage of the anti-racist mascot rally in Minneapolis two weeks ago.
John's pictures tell a great story of what happened, and how much our own Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate participated in this major event.
Please note that besides his Native crafts John has prints and cards available of his pictures.
Watch for more information about how to place an order in future issues of the Sota.

Brand new: Web photo gallery of our 2014 Wokiksuye Ride coming this week on our website. This gallery will include all of John's pictures.

Elder's Meditation:
"In our story of Creation, we talk about each one of us having our own path to travel, and our own gift to give and to share. You see, what we say is that the Creator gave us all special gifts; each one of us is special. And each one of us is a special gift to each other because we've got something to share." -- John Peters (Slow Turtle), WAMPANOAG
We are all equally special. We need to focus on what is right for ourselves. As we focus on what is right for ourselves, we will start to see our special gifts. Then we can see how to share our special gifts with others. If we focus on what's wrong with ourselves, we will not be able to see our gifts. Then we will think we have nothing to give others and we become selfish and withdrawn. The more we focus on our good, the more we see the good in others. The more we see the good in others, the more we see the gifts they have to share. What you sees is what you gets! My Creator, today, let me use the gifts You have given me. Let me use them wisely.

Words to consider (or, perhaps not!):
It is not necessary to understand things in order to argue about them. Pierre Beaumarchais (1732 - 1799)
Charm is a way of getting the answer yes without

asking a clear question. Albert Camus (1913 - 1960)
The most merciful thing in the world, I think, is the inability of the human mind to correlate all its contents. H. P. Lovecraft (1890 - 1937), "The Call of Cthulhu", first line
I have been through some terrible things in my life, some of which actually happened. Mark Twain (1835 - 1910)
The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn. Alvin Toffler
A satirist is a man who discovers unpleasant things about himself and then says them about other people. Peter McArthur
No man ever listened himself out of a job. Calvin Coolidge (1872 - 1933)
In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 - 1968)

Pidamiya to everyone who helps provide news and photos each week for our Sota readers! I've always appreciated the help, and especially now while I am dong rehab and have restricted mobility. It will be some time before I'm able to get out and about again.
We have a team helping with the news-gathering, and I am grateful for their help.
Sierra Wolcott is serving as Assistant Editor; DaVonna Keeble Reporter/Photographer; and John Heminger Reporter/Photographer.
Shay Dirtseller (formerly DuMarce) is continuing to provide the social column.
My daughter Christy is our office/distribution manager.
Contact information, printed below, remains the same.

The Sota is always looking for news of the Oyate. If you have information and/or photos of newsworthy happenings in your family or community, please consider sharing with your Sota staff.
For submission deadlines and other information, see below:
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The editor can be reached at the following e-mail address:

Open Letter to the Oyate

To the honorable Bruce Renville:
I left a phone message to fund the travel for two, I'm returning with the Crown Prince of Judah by both Bloodlines and Ascension to the Celestial. This is the Holy Man I keep speaking about.
There are no longer the Levites to support the works of prophets. So He is relying on our charity to function.
He is going to establish a government. He could make for the tribe "a government greater than the federal government."
"A blood oath exists, the One Greater than the oath, wishes to speak to His Other Relatives."
The reason our past leaders were stuck in the clouds (Cloud Man, my ancestor for example) is because no one else could go further. "He Who Rises Above the Clouds wishes to speak to Tribal Council."
Shiloh does the choosing of the nation, This is our tribal nation, He has chosen our tribe. This is Shiloh's nation by birthright.
He has chosen a people to purify for Himself.
The land rightfully belongs to Shiloh by God's providence. "I wish to show them the land above the clouds. The tribe that was given dominion of the clouds was also a promise to Shiloh, that the dominion is His House and that which is above the clouds is His kingdom. To establish the two together bringing with the union a government greater than that of the present world government.
So the promise to the tribe from Shiloh is to rebuild his house of dominion which is his chosen tribe. That which the Lost Earl brought was just a down payment until the time of Shiloh's arrival to the Sissetons and Wahpetons Dakota house of dominion." Let's do all we can for Him, do we want a blessing or a curse? Consider this quickly, He's waited for a month already. He wants to speak directly to Tribal Council (face to face) and brings blessings to redeem if accepted.
He has spiritual food for us, what is more precious for us?
Respectfully, Charnelle Hill.

Open Letter to the Oyate

Greetings and a happy new year to all!
A few weeks ago I read a heartbreaking story about a young girl that plays basketball in another state. Our young athletes at TZ are very much aware of the racism that exists on the basketball court and more or less accept it as a "known" and go ahead and play anyway and hope to win.
My story is about the same issue of discrimination and racism that existed in the (my) 1950-1951 school year. First of all our coach was a Norwegian and of course he favored all the Norwegian and German athletes on the team and more so if their dads owned a business. Every Sunday these high "mucky mucks" attended the First Presbyterian Church next to the (now) middle school that no longer exists as a high/ middle school.
The make-up of the first ten consisted of us four Natives and the rest were as I described above. Our cheerleaders, in some of their cheers, consisted of ugh, ugh and would whoop and holler and try to do a dance

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around the middle circle. I guess in these days we really didn't think too much about this, but to me, my focus was on the BB court. There were many times I and the other three Natives, would hope we would get in more playing time, but to no avail.
In one game with New Effington, a player from New Effington went to the referee and he called time out and went over to our coach and said I was playing too tight a defense on the Wasicu player and the coach just looked at me and took me out of the game. I would return later in the fourth quarter to win the game for Sisseton.
In another game with Britton, I shot a sideline shot, with my back to the basket and swished it. The crowd went wild!! End of third quarter, in the huddle, I thought I would be congratulated but instead he said, "You're getting too fancy" and again took me out of the game.
In our last District game at Webster, it was halftime and I was the last one off the court. Our coach was in front of me and the entire team was ahead of him, as they worked their way through the crowd. The "sucko" five had their friends hand them a cigarette and they puffed away as we went to the locker room. The coach saw them all smoking. For sure, I thought they would be kicked off the team!! But, no, he said we will start the usual five. In retrospect, our coach preached time and time again if he caught anyone smoking, they would be dropped from the team immediately. Well, this never happened. I remained convicted that if any of us Dakotas were involved we would have been history. So much for racism and bigotry.
A few years ago, I watched the boys BB game with Wilmot and sure enough the refs were Wasicu's and the box score told the story. TZ had 35 personal fouls and Wilmot had just 6 fouls. Sound familiar?
In closing, my heart goes out to that young lady who loves to play basketball, but has some major problems with the racist referees who help their team win at all costs. Remember, never give up!!
Thank you.
Sincerely, Elwood Greybuffalo Sr.

Chinese musicians coming to Sisseton in February

Sisseton's World Fest Committee is preparing for musicians from China to visit the area the first week in February.
The public is invited to experience the joyful music of the folk-fusion band Shanren at a free concert Friday, February 6, at 7 p.m. at the Sisseton Performing Arts Center. This popular group of four "mountain men" from southwest China fuse indigenous folk music with modern music styles from around the globe.
This will be the final of four residencies to visit Sisseton in the past two years through a partnership with Arts Midwest. Previous groups have been Le Vent du Nord from Quebec, Baladino from Israel, and Paulo Padilha and Group from Brazil.
Visit ArtsMidwestWorldFest.org for more information.





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Children In The Digital Age: Media Culture and Children’s Rights



By Sonia J. Magat, D.O., Ph.D.

Children from all over the world, the new internet users, which make up about 2/3 of the 3 billion users, are under 24 years of age. They are developing technological competence in learning, engaging, socializing and participating in the global society using digital tools.

These children, also called “millennials” are the first to grow up digital. The new generation of children are getting immersed in the new media culture that is being developed online by many non-profit organizations, educational institutions and government agencies, creating opportunities for them to communicate with others and explore the world of art, literature and even politics. They have developed distinctly different attitudes from their parents. They are loyal to their careers, prefer to do challenging work and a choice of where and when to work, searching for work environment that is enjoyable for them (www.theguardian.com). They value family over money, think highly of themselves (narcissistic attitude) and expecting to receive commendations for their performance often.

It is the hope of parents that the new media culture which provide learning opportunities outside school will support their children’s educational growth. However, there are risks for children in the digital age which include:

- Exposure to violence
- Access to inappropriate content
- Issues of privacy and cyberbullying

Some kids complain that they are being “excluded online” or being “defriended”. This is due to the fact that the kids are being forced to be “social” before they have become “socialized”. Some social networking sites feature a lot of “gossipy drama” that people write about themselves, as in Facebook. To protect children using digital technologies, the Communications Decency Act (CDA) establishes regulations to protect minors from pornography in the Web and the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) regulate the collection of personal information from children. All the blame should not fall on the Web. The parents need to educate themselves too.

The UNICEF publication “Children’s Rights In The Digital Age” announced the “digitally connected” symposium which was held this year co-hosted by Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University and UNICEF. The 150 participants from all over the world discussed on “mapping and exploring the global state of research and practice in the field”. Some messages that came about from the symposium are:

1. Children around the world think that access to digital media is a fundamental right.
2. Children experience digital media as being “positive” in their lives.
3. Literacy provides the evaluated skills required to access produce and participate in the digital media.
4. Children understand that digital rights are closely related with their human rights.
5. Children’s safety is vital. They must be encouraged to develop their own language, views, strategies and interests.
6. Children see digital media as ways to learn new skills, develop their talents, contribute to their communities and become informed citizens of the world.
7. Children take active steps to keep themselves safe.
8. Children know that the rights they enjoy in the digital media come with real responsibilities and by understanding consequences, they are being personally accountable for the ways their online interactions impact others. They want adults to trust them to use digital media wisely.
9. Children want to be involved about ongoing conversations on how to use digital media to support their rights.

The conclusion from this symposium is that even with the risks to children involved in the access to digital media, it is “absolutely important to listen to the children’s voices rather than assuming what is best for them” said Philip Chan, UNICEF Australia Young Ambassador.

Parents need to educate themselves and protect themselves and their children in the digital age.

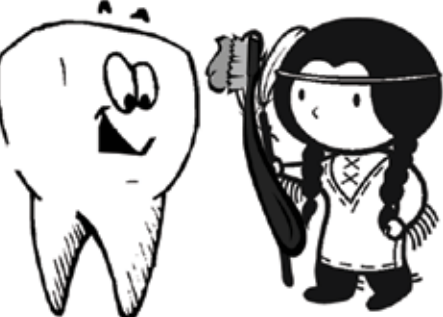
Tips to Protect Your Children in the Digital Age from Darkness to Light website www.d2l.org:

1. Get educated – And educate your children. Learn how kids use the internet and spend time with them in the digital world. Remember that internet is interactive, unlike conventional media. “Virtual” safety is as important as “real world” safety.
2. Safety first. Keep the computer in a common area of the house and set reasonable limits on computer usage. Show kids the value of privacy by protecting their password and personal information. Use privacy settings to restrict access as well as monitoring and filtering software that restrict what websites kids can visit and tracks where they have been.
3. Know and enforce age appropriate online experiences- Children under 8 years should have direct supervision while online. Kids from 8-12 years should have more freedom, but an adult should be close by. It is important to set rules early and encourage ongoing conversations.
4. Discuss expectations for appropriate conduct- Ongoing frequent communications are vital to keeping your kids safe. Discuss what appropriate online conduct looks like. Encourage a “think before you post” attitude. Write down the rules and keep them near the computer.
5. Get and stay involved- Share your internet safety plan with other parents as a means to set expectations and offer and gain support. Stay alert on your children’s behavior. Check if they are becoming secretive about computer time. Understand how, when and where to report suspicious behavior online.

Overall, children must be allowed to participate in the goal of digital literacy, safety for all, identity and privacy. The new generation of children “possess the skills to win the world”. Give them encouragement.

This one of a series of articles from the Early Childhood Intervention Program. Your questions and comments are welcome.

For people with Diabetes and those who love them.....



One dental cleaning a year can reduce your blood sugar level



Peggy Peters 742-3653 or visit *Circle of Smiles* at WWKMHC

Brain wave technology helps returning soldiers suffering with PTSD

Washington, DC – January 13, 2015 – Post Traumatic Stress Disorder [PTSD] has been the bane of many veterans who fought in the Iraq and Afghan wars, causing insomnia, panic attacks, alcohol abuse and even suicidal thoughts. Until now, there were few, if any, effective treatment alternatives. But, a new procedure using Magnetic Resonance Therapy developed at the Brain Treatment Center may hold the key to a cure.

Veterans who have successfully undergone the MRT treatment use terms like “miracle,” “game-changer” and “waking up” to describe the results they achieved at the BTC facility in Newport Beach, CA.

PTSD, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens, is “what we used to call ‘battle fatigue’ or ‘shell shock’ and it manifests itself in variety of debilitating ways. Returning soldiers are awakened in the midst of war-based nightmares. They experience panic attacks and some harbor thoughts of taking their own lives. One report showed an 80% increase in suicides among soldiers returning from the war fronts in the Middle East during the height of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.”

AMAC is keeping a watchful eye on the MRT treatment alternative because of its potentially effective use in the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease. “But, the fact that it is helping our wounded warriors to cope with the aftermath of war is an important first focus.”

Many of the PTSD treatments to date have focused on the symptoms of the disorder; the MRT

procedure appears to concentrate on the workings of the brain, itself. As Dr. Kevin T. Murphy, Vice Chair of the Department of Radiation Medicine and Applied Sciences, UC San Diego Medical Center, put it: “Addressing the core frequency mismatch that occurs in various parts of the brain, and not the patient’s symptoms per se, allows this system to be potentially useful in numerous psychological and neurological disorders, from autism to Alzheimers.”

Dr. Yi Jin, medical director of the Brain Treatment Center, is careful in an encouraging way when he describes the successes of the BTC’s new therapeutic approach. “We are not claiming efficacy, but we are seeing clinical responses that are positive.”

Both Murphy and Jin are believers and intent on proving the efficacy of their approach. As Murphy, whose 10-year-old son is afflicted with Asperger’s syndrome, told Richard Leiby, a senior writer at the Washington Post: “Right now it’s like we’re selling snake oil. It’s hard to believe, and if I hadn’t had my own son treated, I wouldn’t have believed it.”

The child underwent months of therapy and has shown extraordinary improvement as a result.

Likewise, Iraqi war veteran Jon Warren says he recovered from acute PTSD after he was treated with Magnetic Resonance Therapy. He no longer suffers from the extreme combat flashbacks and nightmares that made him dysfunctional. They set “my [brain] frequencies right” and his life is returning to normal.

Key to the treasure

By Richard P. Holm MD

A 92 year old retired college professor patient of mine, who seems significantly younger than his stated age, walks a mile and half every day. He said to me on his own one time, “When you exercise every day, you feel so much better. Why don’t people do it?”

I think part of the problem is that getting started hurts a little, but maybe it is also because our motives are misplaced.

In a recent study of more than 10,000 middle aged-to-older men over a 12 year period of time, researchers discovered that weight training helped reduce abdominal fat while aerobic exercise did best with overall weight control. Their conclusion: a combination of weight training and aerobic exercise makes a person look best.

What I did not like about that research was, once again a study seemed to speak to appearance, how the person looks in the mirror, rather than quality of life.

In this colder, darker, wintertime, after-holiday season, as the New Year begins, we find ourselves reassessing the errors of the past and making resolutions to change. After a year of inactivity and a month of holiday treats and celebration, too many of us resolve, “I

have to lose weight.”

And during this season, almost every magazine advertises methods to lose weight and “look better” with a pill, a supplement or an easy trick. Not only are these profit-driven, dishonest scams playing on our desires to be something we are not, the real truth is they don’t work. Even legitimate plans for eating correctly and exercising reasonably are destined to cause sustained weight loss in only a very few (less than 10% over one year, less than 1% over five years). Indeed if it is your intent simply to lose weight, you are destined to be disappointed.

Of course it is important to eat a balanced diet, avoiding excessive quantities, especially empty carbohydrates. But our goal should be to feel better and be healthier, rather than simply to look thinner, and I think the key to this treasure is with exercise.

To that end all of us should make a New Year’s resolution to get started. EVERY DAY should not end without about thirty minutes of exercise of some kind. Start with a walk.

It hurts a little to get going, but then, “When you exercise every day, you feel so much better.”

February:American Heart Month

What are the signs or symptoms of a heart attack?

Someone having a heart attack may experience several symptoms, including:
Chest pain or discomfort that doesn’t go away after a few minutes.

Pain or discomfort in the jaw, neck, or back.

Weakness, light-headedness, nausea (feeling sick to your stomach), or a cold sweat.

Pain or discomfort in the arms or shoulder.

Shortness of breath.

If you think that you or someone you know is having a heart attack, call 9-1-1 immediately.11111

Information taken from American Heart Association and the Centers for Disease Control
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Creating a River friendly home

There are so many ways we can protect our precious ground and surface water resources. In order to do this, River Keepers encourages everyone to ‘think outside the drop.’ This means we should think of as many ways as possible to conserve water and protect our current status of good water quality within the Red River Basin.

One place to start is fixing leaks in and around your home. Do you know that about 14% of the average American household water use is from leaks?

The biggest culprit is faucets, but don’t forget to check showerheads, toilets and irrigation systems. Installing a faucet aerator can save up to 1 gallon per minute.

Recycling is an easy way to save water and it’s good for environment. The average American household creates over 1,000 pounds of trash a year and about 60-70% of it can be recycled. Check with your local waste management company to find out how and where to recycle in your area.

Nonpoint source pollution is our nation’s largest source of water quality problems. Help keep pet waste, litter, leaves, grass clippings, debris and cigarette butts out of our storm drains (grated openings in streets) because whatever goes down these drains goes directly to the river, not a wastewater treatment plant.

Dispose of household hazardous waste (anything labeled toxic, dangerous or poisonous), paints and other dangerous chemicals properly by bringing them to the household hazardous waste facilitates provided by your town and/or county. Check with your local pharmacy or police agency to see if they accept expired or unused medications; otherwise mix them with undesirable



materials (coffee grounds, flour, etc.) and hide in the trash can. Do not flush any of these items down the toilet/drain as many of the ingredients cannot be filtered by our wastewater treatment plants and will end up in our rivers and groundwater.

In wintertime, just because everything is frozen doesn’t mean our waters cannot be affected by our actions. Over 10 million tons of salt is used every year on our sidewalks and road systems to keep them clear of ice.

One thing to note is that salt is not effective under 25°F and is believed to be a cause of increased sodium levels in our waterways. Instead of salt, try to shovel before snow or ice accumulates or use sand or birdseed for traction on icy sidewalks and driveways.

Want to learn more? Attend River Keepers’ “Creating a River Friendly Home” class on Tuesday, February 10, 630-830pm at Moorhead High School. Contact Moorhead Community Education at (218)284-3400 or online at <https://communityed.moorheadschoools.org> to register!

Until the next Ripple Effect, The Red River Basin Commission (RRBC).

The RRBC is a grassroots organization that is chartered not-for-profit corporation under the provisions of Manitoba, North Dakota, Minnesota, and South Dakota law. Our offices in Fargo, ND and Winnipeg, MB can be reached at 701-3563183 and 204-982-7254, or you can check out our website at <http://redriverbasincommision.org>

SD Legislative updates

Report from Pierre from Senator Kent Frerichs

Week one
We are off and running with the 90th Session of the South Dakota Legislature. This is the start of my seventh year serving as a legislator and am proud to represent the northeastern area of our State. I will share from my experience each week during the 39-day legislative session. I have the privilege of being a member of the agriculture/natural resources, education and taxation committees. I farm and raise cattle and have spent time as a teacher so these committees work well for me.

The Governor delivered his State of the State with a strong focus on road/infrastructure funding. This is a much different perspective than we have ever heard from the Governor, because in the past, he has been adamantly opposed to any sort of a tax/fee increase. Stay tuned for the details, but right now it sounds like Governor Dugaard is proposing to increase the highway fuel tax 2

cents each year in perpetuity along with raising the excise tax up to 4% with those funds going to the State. Local governments would see more funding as well in vehicle registration increases. We also heard the Governor highlight the success of the dual credit programs where high school students can receive postsecondary credits. Unfortunately, the Governor failed to share his plan to address the current teacher shortage along with a plan to boost the number of teacher education candidates. I am also disappointed that we are embarking on yet another year where we as a State are not accepting the federal investment to offer medicaid expansion for our working poor. I will keep up the pressure on the Governor and his staff to look for ways to lend their support behind medicaid expansion.

On a more positive note, I am pleased to report that education, and especially teachers, are being given a positive outlook as we start the 2015 Legislative Session. We need to have positive attitudes to build education up and place

the importance on the individual teachers who truly make the young people of this State smarter. This is a welcomed approach and I only hope the momentum will continue. The battles over common core and merit pay for teachers are behind us, and the challenge in this crisis of teacher shortages is a reality. Teachers are professionals, and we should continue to look for ways to place that importance on the critical role they play in their students lives. I hear support among various fellow legislators that they would like to see an emphasis placed on increased teacher pay as long as the State support is matched with local property taxes.

I am very focused on working to garner support for Senate Bill 2. This is the result of our three-year regional watershed task force, and the bill would create natural resource river basins. We need to look at water management from an entire basin/watershed approach and not simply use the current county/political boundaries. These river basin districts will cover the entire state based on the watershed



Is Quitting Smoking On Your Calendar For 2015?

Try Second Wind A Smoking Cessation Program, Doctors say your more likely to stay quit if you use a quit program.

Classes starting January 29th at Woodrow Keeble Health Care Center, Community Health Education conference room 11:00am—12:00pm

Open to anyone eligible for services at the Sisseton IHS

It is known that 75% of the people who smoke want to quit. If you are ready to quit we are ready to help you

Call us at 742-3672 or 698-4204

Keep Tobacco Sacred

Wear Red Day

February is American Heart Month. The month is dedicated to promoting heart health and creating awareness of heart disease.

What is heart disease?

Heart disease is a term used to describe several different heart conditions. The most common is coronary artery disease— a disease that occurs when plaque builds up in the arteries that supply blood to the heart. Coronary artery disease can lead to a heart attack.

Heart disease affects both men and women.

If you have concerns about your heart health please speak with your medical provider.

American Heart Association
Centers for Disease Control and Preventio



boundaries and will have the authority to perform water projects and authorize projects. In our area of the State, we have the Red/ Minnesota River, Big Sioux and James River basins. Taxing authority with a maximum of one-third mill along with a locally elected board of directors are two main components of the basin councils. Chief Justice Gilbertson delivered his State of the Judiciary highlighting the success of alternative sentencing that is saving all of us money. The Chief also shared his excitement over the newly created rural attorney recruitment program we created last year that is the first of its kind in the nation. Access to a local attorney is key all throughout the Mount Rushmore State.

Thank you for the privilege to represent you in Pierre. I welcome your input on the issues that you care about. Please follow the legislation via the Legislative Research Council website at legis.sd.gov. You can reach me at 949-2204 and sen.frerichs@state.sd.us.

Report from Pierre from Rep. Dennis Feickert, District 1

Week one
The first week of the 90th Legislative Session of the South Dakota Legislature has quickly

come to a close. I am proud and humbled to serve you in District 1 which includes parts of northern Brown County, Marshall, Roberts, and Day County. This is my fourth term in the House of Representatives. As all first weeks of the Session, it is an especially hectic time. Most committee work was confined to state agencies’ presentations. I serve on the House Agriculture and House Transportation committees.

Earlier this week, I spent time in two important briefings. The SD Department of Transportation provided an overview of the state of infrastructure in SD. Sen. Mike Vehle of Mitchell also spoke. He chaired a legislative Interim Committee on Highway Needs and Funding. This bipartisan committee spent the last 9 months traveling the state and holding hearings as they tried to determine the needs and the potential solutions. While the briefing didn’t get into any specific legislative proposals, it looks like all are in agreement that we must work now to fix our crumbling roads and bridges. I look forward to discussing the actual proposals in the upcoming weeks.

I also attended an informational briefing from Andy Gerlach and his staff from the SD Department of Revenue. In

addition, it was my pleasure to participate in a Legislative Panel Discussion at the annual Rural Water Association meeting held in Pierre. As rural communities they too have concerns about school funding, acknowledging that especially in small towns, the schools are the lifeblood of their community. We also discussed the proposed pipelines and what can be done to protect our acquirers.

The Governor’s State of the State speech on the opening day of the Session also emphasized infrastructure, especially roads and bridges. Costs of repairs escalate as time goes on. Counties and townships are cash strapped. There is much to do. Both the total amount which will be devoted to repairs as well as the taxes and fees which will finance the efforts will be a significant part of our deliberations this Session. This annual State of the State speech should in my opinion, missed the mark on a couple of topics. I was disappointed that the Governor omitted two of the most critical issues in our state: education and health care. We have put off a clear focus on teacher recruitment and retention in our state to the detriment of our future. You don’t



Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Diabetes Center

The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Diabetes Center, in collaboration with the Indian Health Service, is funded through the federal grant, Special Diabetes Program for Indians. Therefore, fitness assessments are required by everyone to fulfill grant requirements and guidelines to continue to receive funding to operate on a daily basis. This includes the Tribal Council Executives and Representatives, Police department, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and non-natives (if requested). Every participant must sign in and out on the Exerfit in order to utilize the facility, equipment, nutrition education classes (AWM/ DPP), exercise classes, aerobics room, walking/running clubs, etc. Anyone who refuses to follow our grant requirements will not be allowed to use the facility. Fitness goals will be reevaluated every 60 days until goals are reached. When goals have been reached an assessment will not be required tell the next year.

Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Diabetes Center

The SWO Diabetes Center will hosting a Wellness Challenge January 5—February 21, 2015. All memberships will be expired in the Exerfit January 1, 2015. **EVERYONE** is required to complete a physical assessment to participant in the Wellness Challenge.

- 6 weeks
 - Team of 3
 - Entry Fee \$30
 - Places 1st- \$300 2nd-\$200
 - 3rd-\$100
 - Open to EVERYONE (including non-natives)
- Point System
 - Weekly Team Challenge
 - Weekly Incentives to Team Winners
- For more Information Call the Diabetes Center:

(605)698.3922

SOTA IYA YE YAPI Education



Moccasin games at Tiospa Zina Tribal School. Photo by Mindy Crawford, who comments: "I love our school!"

Honoring our Tiospa Zina bus drivers

Submitted by Dr. Jennifer Heath

The Tiospa Zina High School Student Council members honored the bus drivers by presenting them with bags of M & M's.

Labels were printed on the bags of candy that said, "Pidamaya for driving 'M'iles and 'M'iles for our students."

In the photo are, from left: Delvin Lufkins, Mel Huff, Deb Bernard, Rodger Carlson, second row: Tom Lewno, Rex Owen, Dion Iyarpeya (student council member), Dustin LaBelle (student council member), Louie Quinn.

The next project for the student council is to visit elders at the Tekakwitha Nursing Home on Friday, January 23 and also read to the toddlers at Rainbow Daycare.



Tiospa Zina Wambdi 2014-15 Multiple Activities Schedule (as of 01-15-2015)

Activity	Time	Versus	Location	Location Detail
TUESDAY, JAN 20, 2015				
Wrestling Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			High School Cafeteria
GBB (Varsity/JV/C) Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			SWC Gym
JH BBB Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			Cafeteria
Basketball: Boys JV-Varsity Game	6:30pm	Milbank	Tiospa Zina Tribal School	
WEDNESDAY, JAN 21, 2015				
Wrestling Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			High School Cafeteria
GBB (Varsity/JV/C) Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			Tiospa Zina Gymnasium
BBB (Varsity/JV/C) Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			SWC Gym
JH BBB Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			Cafeteria
THURSDAY, JAN 22, 2015				
BBB (Varsity/JV/C) Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			SWC Gym
Wrestling Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			High School Cafeteria
Basketball: Boys 7th/8th Combined Game	4:15pm	TBA	Tiospa Zina Tribal School	
GBB (Varsity/JV/C) Practice	5:15pm-7:15pm			Tiospa Zina Gymnasium
FRIDAY, JAN 23, 2015				
Wrestling Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			High School Cafeteria
GBB (Varsity/JV/C) Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			Tiospa Zina Gymnasium
BBB (Varsity/JV/C) Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			SWC Gym
JH BBB Practice	3:45pm-5:45pm			Cafeteria
SATURDAY, JAN 24, 2015				
Basketball: Boys 7th/8th Combined Tournament	TBD	Away vs. Enemy Swim	Enemy Swim, SD	
Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament	TBD	Away vs. Arlington	Arlington, SD	
Basketball: Girls JV-Varsity Game	2:00pm	Redfield-Doland	Tiospa Zina Tribal School	
Basketball: Boys JV-Varsity Game	3:15pm	Redfield-Doland	Tiospa Zina Tribal School	

ESDS Students of the Month are honored

By Rebecca Dargatz School Community Director Enemy Swim Day School
Enemy Swim Day School honors one student from each grade for each full month that school is in session.

The Students of the Month are chosen because they demonstrate the four school wide expectations consistently or have shown great progress toward them. The school wide expectations are ...

- Awanicihdka: Be Safe
- Waokihi: Be Responsible
- Waunsida: Be Caring
- Woohoda: Be Respectful

Home room teachers choose the Students of the Month in collaboration with the paras and other



teachers who serve a particular candidate. Students of the Month are honored during opening ceremony on the first Monday following each full month of school. Students of the Month attend dinner with two guests on the Wednesday evening following each Students of the Month honoring.

The January 2015 Students of the Month are: Kindergarten - Zitkana Cook, 1st Grade - Miley Contreras, 2nd Grade - Niya Gonsolves, 3rd Grade - Morning Star Red Eagle, 4th Grade

- Maclovio Rios, 5th Grade - Kylie Owen, 6th Grade - Akisa Manning-Peter, 7th Grade - Sammi Cooper, and 8th Grade - Eva Denny (Not Pictured).



Kindergarten student of the month Zitkana Cook.



First grade student of the month Miley Contreras.



Second grade student of the month Niya Gonsolves.



Third grade student of the month Morning Star Red Eagle.



Fourth grade student of the month Maclovio Rios.



Fifth grade student of the month Kylie Owen.



Sixth grade student of the month Akisa Manning-Peters.



Seventh grade student of the month Sammi Cooper.

Enemy Swim Day School Mid-Winter Wacipi Friday, Feb. 6, 2015

Mid-Winter Wacipi @ ESDS Gymnasium. Community Feed @ 5PM Grand Entry @ 7PM.



Mens and Womens combined contest in honor of all ESDS Alumni = sponsored by ESDS Sons and Daughters of Tradition.

Day money for all dancers and singers. *Spot Dances *Switch Dance contest *others to be announced.

Carbon Monoxide Questions and Answers

What is carbon monoxide (CO) and how is it produced?

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a deadly, colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. It is produced by the incomplete burning of various fuels, including coal, wood, charcoal, oil, kerosene, propane, and natural gas. Products and equipment powered by internal combustion engines such as portable generators, cars, lawn mowers, and power washers also produce CO.

How many people are unintentionally poisoned by CO?

On average, about 170 people in the United States die every year from CO produced by non-automotive consumer products. These products include malfunctioning fuel-burning appliances such as furnaces, ranges, water heaters and room heaters; engine-powered equipment such as portable generators; fireplaces; and charcoal that is burned in homes and other enclosed areas. In 2005 alone, CPSC staff is aware of at least 94 generator-related CO poisoning deaths. Forty-seven of these deaths were known to have occurred during power outages due to severe weather, including Hurricane Katrina. Still others die from CO produced by non-consumer products, such as cars left running in attached garages. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that several thousand people go to hospital emergency rooms every year to be treated for CO poisoning.

What are the symptoms of CO poisoning?

Because CO is odorless, colorless, and otherwise undetectable to the human senses, people may not know that they are being exposed. The initial symptoms of low to moderate CO poisoning are similar to the flu (but without the fever). They include:

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Dizziness

High level CO poisoning results in progressively more severe symptoms, including:

- Mental confusion
- Vomiting
- Loss of muscular coordination
- Loss of consciousness
- Ultimately death

Symptom severity is related to both the CO level and the duration of exposure. For slowly developing residential CO problems, occupants and/or physicians can mistake mild to moderate CO poisoning symptoms for the flu, which sometimes results in tragic deaths. For rapidly developing, high level CO exposures (e.g., associated with use of generators in residential spaces), victims can rapidly become mentally confused, and can lose muscle control without having first experienced milder symptoms; they will likely die if not rescued.

How can I prevent CO poisoning?

- Make sure appliances are installed and operated according to the manufacturer's instructions and local building codes. Most appliances should be installed by qualified professionals. Have the heating system professionally inspected and serviced annually to ensure proper operation. The inspector should also check chimneys and flues for blockages, corrosion, partial and complete disconnections, and loose connections.
- Never service fuel-burning appliances without proper knowledge, skill and tools. Always refer to the owners manual when performing minor adjustments or servicing fuel-burning equipment.
- Never operate a portable generator or any other gasoline engine-powered tool either in or near an enclosed space such as a garage, house, or other building. Even with open doors and windows, these spaces can trap CO and allow it to quickly build to lethal levels.
- Install a CO alarm that meets the requirements of the current UL 2034 safety standard. A CO alarm can provide some added protection, but it is no substitute for proper use and upkeep of appliances that can produce CO. Install a CO alarm in the hallway near every separate sleeping area of the home. Make sure the alarm cannot be covered up by furniture or draperies.
- Never use portable fuel-burning camping equipment inside a home, garage, vehicle or tent unless it is specifically designed for use in an enclosed space and provides instructions for safe use in an enclosed area.
- Never burn charcoal inside a home, garage, vehicle, or tent.
- Never leave a car running in an attached garage, even with the garage door open.
- Never use gas appliances such as ranges, ovens, or clothes dryers to heat your home.
- Never operate unvented fuel-burning appliances in any room where people are sleeping.
- Do not cover the bottom of natural gas or propane ovens with aluminum foil. Doing so blocks the combustion air flow through the appliance and can produce CO.
- During home renovations, ensure that appliance vents and chimneys are not blocked by tarps or debris. Make sure appliances are in proper working order when renovations are complete.

What CO level is dangerous to my health?

The health effects of CO depend on the CO concentration and length of exposure, as well as each individual's health condition. CO concentration is measured in parts per million (ppm). Most people will not experience any symptoms from prolonged exposure to CO levels of approximately 1 to 70 ppm but some heart patients might experience an increase in chest pain. As CO levels increase and remain above 70 ppm, symptoms become more noticeable and can

include headache, fatigue and nausea. At sustained CO concentrations above 150 to 200 ppm, disorientation, unconsciousness, and death are possible.

What should you do when the CO alarm sounds?

Never ignore an alarming CO alarm! It is warning you of a potentially deadly hazard.

If the alarm signal sounds **do not try to find the source of the CO:**

- Immediately move outside to fresh air.
- Call your emergency services, fire department, or 911.
- After calling 911, do a head count to check that all persons are accounted for. DO NOT reenter the premises until the emergency services responders have given you permission. You could lose consciousness and die if you go in the home.
- If the source of the CO is determined to be a malfunctioning appliance, DO NOT operate that appliance until it has been properly serviced by trained personnel.

If authorities allow you to return to your home, and your alarm reactivates within a 24 hour period, repeat steps 1, 2 and 3 and call a qualified appliance technician to investigate for sources of CO from all fuel burning equipment and appliances, and inspect for proper operation of this equipment. If problems are identified during this inspection, have the equipment serviced immediately. Note any combustion equipment not inspected by the technician and consult the manufacturers' instructions, or contact the manufacturers directly, for more information about CO safety and this equipment. Make sure that motor vehicles are not, and have not been, operating in an attached garage or adjacent to the residence.



Pushes for high-speed Internet resources for Native kids

Washington, DC – January 14, 2015 – U.S. Heitkamp met with U.S. Technology Officer Megan Smith to discuss the need to help children in Indian Country succeed by increasing access to high-speed Internet on Indian reservations.

At the meeting, Heitkamp reinforced the need to invest in technology resources in Indian Country as according to a recent report from the Federal Communications Commission, almost 80 percent of North Dakotans living on tribal lands don't have access to high-speed Internet. Heitkamp and Smith also discussed the need for people with technical knowledge at federal agencies, like the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to help the government better respond to the needs of Native children.

“Our Native kids need the tools to compete and thrive in an increasingly digital world,” said Heitkamp. “These kids are passionate, motivated, and have the spiritual strength of their tribal communities, but without access to high-speed Internet, they remain at a disadvantage – and that isn't fair. That's why I've been fighting to promote access to high-speed Internet on our tribal lands, and for better resources for Native students. During the President's visit to Standing Rock, he and I spoke about this challenge, and this winter



U.S. Heitkamp meets with U.S. Technology Officer Megan Smith.

he then announced technology resources for Cannon Ball Elementary. We need to continue to get more technology resources for Native kids, and today's meeting reinforced the Administration's commitment to help Native kids grow.”

As a strong advocate for Native children, Heitkamp made sure to call attention to the dire need for resources for students at Standing Rock's Cannon Ball Elementary when President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama visited Standing Rock in June. Just four months after her call, Cannon Ball Elementary was chosen by Apple

– a private-sector White House ConnectED partner – to receive Apple educational technology in every classroom. Last month, President Obama cited his visit with students at Standing Rock as the impetus for the launch of his Generation Indigenous initiative to help provide greater opportunities for Native kids by helping lift the barriers they face in their quest to succeed.

During her meeting with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Tom Wheeler in May, Heitkamp stressed the need to improve and expand high-speed Internet access throughout North Dakota, particularly in Indian Country. In April, Heitkamp discussed ways to promote connectivity throughout the state and across rural America in a meeting with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Administrator John Padalino.

Long a proponent of increasing STEM education throughout North Dakota, Heitkamp continued to highlight the need for more investments in technology education programs during her visit with



students in Microsoft-partnership computer science programs at West Fargo High School this fall, and has advocated for STEM programs to help grow the state's burgeoning technology, research and general aviation industries. Last summer, Heitkamp helped secure \$850,000 in funding for STEM programs at North Dakota State University (NDSU), and Cankdeska Cikana Community College (CCCC).

Since her time as North Dakota's Attorney General in the 1990s, Heitkamp has been a strong and vocal advocate for North Dakota's tribes. Heitkamp has continued these efforts in the Senate. In fact, the first bill she introduced as a Senator would create a Commission on Native Children to conduct an intensive study into issues facing Native children – such as high rates of poverty, staggering unemployment, child abuse, domestic violence, crime, substance abuse, and few economic opportunities – and make recommendations on how to make sure Native children are better taken care of and given the opportunities to thrive. The bill passed unanimously in the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs in May. Heitkamp will reintroduce the bill early this new Congressional session.



Attention JOM Parents & Guardians:

Please submit your student's 1st semester grades from the Sisseton, New Effington and Wilmot Schools by February 5, 2015. This incentive is for JOM eligible Native American students within the Sisseton, New Effington and Wilmot Schools.

We are located across from the Sisseton Fire Department. (5 East Oak St.) Office hours are Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Sisseton JOM office also has a mail box at the SWO Tribal Headquarters if you would like to make a copy and drop them off. If you have any questions please call the office at 698-7604.

Happy Belated
9th Birthday
Austin Michael
Jan. 13th



Lots of Love
for You
Dad, Mom



Happy 3rd
Birthday
Dylan DeWayne
Jan. 27th



Lots of Love
for You
Your Family

Happy Belated
7th Birthday
Jenae Leanne
Rose



Lots of Love
for You
Your Family

ENEMY SWIM DAY SCHOOL
BASKETBALL TOURNAY
MS BOYS & GIRLS
Saturday, January 24th, 2015

Girls DIVISION

9:00 AM ESDS vs. TZTS

11:00 AM TZTS vs. Circle of Nations

1:00 PM Circle of Nations vs. ESDS

BOYS DIVISION

10:00 AM ESDS vs. Tiospa Zina

12:00 PM Tiospa Zina vs. Circle of Nations

2:00 PM Circle of Nations vs. ESDS

Full Concesssions Available

ADMISSION- Adults \$2.00 Students \$1.00

SWO METH TIP HOTLINE
(605) 742-0088

Call this number to report meth dealers
or meth users to the Sisseton-Wahpeton
Oyate Tribal Law Enforcement Officials.
You can leave information anonymously.

SOTA IYA YE YAPI

Legal notices

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ACQUIRE LAND INTO TRUST

ACTION: Notice of decision to acquire land into trust pursuant to the requirements of the Indian Land Consolidation Act of 1983, as amended by the Act of November 7, 2000, also known as the American Indian Probate Reform Act (AIPRA), pursuant to the provisions of 25 USC § 2216(c).

SUMMARY: The Sisseton Agency Superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, on the below date, has made a final determination to acquire real property in trust for Donovan White, an enrolled member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate. The Superintendent shall acquire title in the name of the United States no sooner than 30 days after this notice is published. The land, also referred to as the Makacega Allotment, is herein described as land situated in the Fifth Principal Meridian, County of Marshall, State of South Dakota, described as follows:

An undivided 2563/38304 surface interest in Allotment 91330: Lot 1 in Section 10, T. 125 N., R. 53 W., containing 37.80 acres, more or less,

An undivided 2563/38304 mineral interest in Allotment M91330: Lot 1 in Section 10, T. 125 N., R. 53 W., containing 37.80 acres, more or less.

An undivided 2563/76608 interest in Allotment 91330 -A: Lot 7 in Section 3, T. 125 N., R. 53 W., containing 47.25 acres, more or less.

An undivided 2563/38304 interest in Allotment 91330 -B: Lot 9 and Lot 10 in Section 3, T. 125 N., R. 53 W., containing 60.30 acres, more or less.

The land, also referred to as the Martha Mniyata Allotment, is herein described as land situated in the Fifth Principal Meridian, County of Marshall, State of South Dakota, described as follows:

An undivided 2563/76608 interest in Allotment 345: Lot 3, Lot 4, Lot 5, and Lot 6 in Section 3; Lot 1 and Lot 8 in Section 4; all in T. 125 N., R. 53 W., containing 172.54 acres, more or less.

DATE: This determination was made on January 15, 2015. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Division of Real Estate Services, Sisseton Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, PO Box 688, Agency Village, 57262, telephone (605) 698-3001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION; This notice is published to comply with the requirement found at 25 CFR § 151.12(b) that notice be given of the decision by the authorized representative of the Secretary of the Interior to acquire land in trust.

A copy of the determination is available from the office identified in the “FOR FURTHER INFORMATION” section of this notice. Any party who wishes to seek judicial review of this decision must first exhaust administrative remedies. This decision may be appealed within 30 days of the date of publication of this decision. If you elect to appeal this decision, you or your attorney must file a notice of appeal with the Superintendent, Sisseton Agency, PO Box 688, Agency Village, South Dakota 57262. The date of filing your notice of appeal is the date it is postmarked or the date it is personally delivered to this office.

Your notice of appeal must include your name, address, and telephone number. It

should clearly identify the decision being appealed, if possible, attach a copy of the decision. The notice and the envelope in which it is mailed should be clearly labeled “NOTICE OF APPEAL.”

You may include a statement of reasons with your notice of appeal, explaining why you believe the decision being appealed is in error. If you do not include your statement of reasons with your notice of appeal, you must mail or deliver it to the Superintendent’s office within 30 days after you file your notice of appeal. The statement of reasons and the envelope in which it is mailed should be clearly labeled “Statement of Reasons.” It must be accompanied by or otherwise incorporate all supporting documents. You must send copies of your statement of reasons to all interested parties and the Regional Director.

Your notice of appeal must list the names and addresses of the interested parties known to you and certify that you have sent them copies of the notice. If you are not represented by an attorney, you may request assistance from the Sisseton Agency in the preparation of your appeal.

You must ALSO send copies of your notice of appeal to (1,) the Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 115 4th Ave. S.E., Suite 400, Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 and (2) all known interested parties. If no appeal is timely filed, this decision will become final for the Department of the Interior at the expiration of the appeal period, No extension of time may be granted for filing notice of appeal.

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE: D-15-174-703

IN THE MATTER OF THE
CHANGE OF NAME OF:

ABRIANNA JEAN-LYNN
RODLUND, Petitioner
**ORDER AND NOTICE OF
HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner’s request for a change of name from ABRIANNA JEAN-LYNN RODLUND to ABRIANNA LYNN DUMARCE shall be heard before the Honorable B.J. Jones, Judge of Tribal Court, in the Courtroom of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribal Court at Agency Village, South Dakota at 11:30 A.M. on the 26th day of JANUARY, 2015.

Dated this 29th day of December, 2014.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT:
/s/ B.J. Jones, CHIEF JUDGE
ATTEST:

E. Pfeiffer, CLERK OF COURTS

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 13-108

SWOCSE/ Keisha Godfrey,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
DERRICK FLUTE,
DEFENDANT
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING**

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Complaint to Establish Child Support Arrears and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal

Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 9:00 o’clock A.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

You are required to be at the hearing. Upon request, the OCSE Clerk will provide you with a copy of the Complaint describing the matter.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 15-026

SWOCSE/ TANF/Carrie HisGun,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
DERRICK FLUTE,
DEFENDANT
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING**

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Complaint to Establish Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 9:00 o’clock A.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Dated this 17th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 07-126

SWOCSE/ Betty Jo Kirk,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
NICOLE KIRK, DEFENDANT
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING**

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Show Cause for Failure to Pay Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 1:00 o’clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

You are required to be at the hearing. If you fail to appear a Warrant will be issued and Bond set at the amount of the arrears. Upon request, the OCSE Clerk will provide you with a copy of the Motion describing the matter.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 00-372

SWOCSE/ Barbara Renville,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
NICOLE KIRK, DEFENDANT
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING**

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Show Cause for Failure to Pay Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 1:00 o’clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Dated this 17th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 07-074

SWOCSE/ Melissa Bird,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
ZACH HILL, DEFENDANT
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING**

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Show Cause for Failure to Pay Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 1:00 o’clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Dated this 17th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 14-044

SWOCSE/ Sapphire Morales,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
ZACH HILL, DEFENDANT
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING**

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Show Cause for Failure to Pay Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 1:00 o’clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Dated this 17th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,

SWOCSE Clerk of Court

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SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 14-048

SWOCSE/ Brenda King,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
ZACH HILL, DEFENDANT
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING**

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Show Cause for Failure to Pay Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 1:00 o’clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Dated this 17th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 13-096

SWOCSE/ Susan Peters,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
ERIN CAMPBELL,
DEFENDANT
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING**

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Modify Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 1:00 o’clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

You are required to be at the hearing. Upon request, the OCSE Clerk will provide you with a copy of the Motion describing the matter.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 14-052

SWOCSE/ Elsie Campbell,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
ERIN CAMPBELL,
DEFENDANT
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING**

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Show Cause for Failure to Pay Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 1:00 o’clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

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Dated this 17th day of December,

2014
BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. CS: 13-182

SWOCSE/ Tessa Campbell,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
ERIN CAMPBELL,
DEFENDANT

ORDER OF PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF HEARING

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Establish Child Support Arrears and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 21st day of January, 2015 at the hour of 1:00 o’clock P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

You are required to be at the hearing. Upon request, the OCSE Clerk will provide you with a copy of the Motion describing the matter.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. I: 11-081

SWOCSE/ Lorraine Wolfvoice,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
DAKOTA WOLFVOICE,
DEFENDANT
**ORDER OF PUBLICATION &
NOTICE OF HEARING**

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Show Cause for Failure to Pay Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 22nd day of January, 2014 at the hour of 9:00 o’clock A.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

You are required to be at the hearing. If you fail to appear a Warrant will be issued and Bond set at the amount of the arrears. Upon request, the OCSE Clerk will provide you with a copy of the Motion describing the matter.

Dated this 18th day of December, 2014

BY THE ORDER OF THE
COURT:

/S/
Michael T. Swallow, Presiding
Judge

ATTEST: Melinda Heminger,
SWOCSE Clerk of Court

SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE IN TRIBAL COURT LAKE TRAVERSE RESERVATION STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA CASE NO. I: 10-051

SWOCSE/ Arlene White,
PLAINTIFF

VS.
WILLIAM ARGO, Jr.,
DEFENDANT

ORDER OF PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF HEARING

It is hereby Ordered that Notice by Publication is hereby provided for a Motion to Show Cause for Failure to Pay Child Support and Notice of Hearing is hereby provided that a hearing will held at the Tribal Admin Building in Tribal Court, Agency Village, South Dakota, on the 22nd day of January, 2014 at the hour of 9:00 o’clock A.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

You are required to be at the

Sota Iya Ye Yapi Trading post


A non-profit corporation
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Agency Village, SD

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**Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate
Job Openings**

The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate
is seeking to fill the following
positions(s):

Legal Analyst/Assistant, Legal
Department

Outreach Worker, Realty
Project Director/Outreach
Coordinator, Realty
Teacher, Early Head Start
Tutor (part-time), JOM
Administrative Assistant, Early
Childhood Intervention
Program

Tracking Paraprofessional,
Early Childhood Intervention
Program

Family Liaison/Intervention
Paraprofessional, Early
Childhood Intervention
Program

Program Manager, Child
Protection Program

Administrative Assistant/Office

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NEW SCHEDULE!
Sunday Mass: 11:00 A.M.
Confessions: 10:35 A.M. (most Sundays)
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Notices
NA Meetings
At Dakotah Pride Rehab Center
Outreach Building
Thursdays
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Alanon Meetings
At Dakotah Pride Rehab Center
Outreach Building
Mondays
6:00-7:00 p.m.

AA Meetings
Peever Community Center
Thursdays
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Notice of Open Meetings
Wac'ang'a, Inc is dedicated to the safety of healing of
women and their children If you or someone you
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Oyate or contact Arnold
Williams at (605) 698-8238 or
Denise Hill at (605) 698-8362.
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**Sisseton Wahpeton College
Position Opening**
Human Resource Manager
(Closing date 1/22/2015 at
4:30 PM).

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4	5	6	7	8	9 CLOSED	10 DELIVERY
11	12	13	14	15	16 OPEN	17 DELIVERY
18	19	20	21	22	23 CLOSED	24 HOLIDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30 CLOSED	31 LAST DAY!

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Qualifications: GED/High
School Diploma. If interested
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and Advisor Questionnaire
to the Human Resources
Department at Tiospa Zina
Tribal School. Opening Date:
April 11, 2014 Closing Date:
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Vacancy: Rodeo & Riding Club
Advisor Qualifications: GED/

High School Diploma. If
interested please submit
an application and Advisor
Questionnaire to the Human
Resources Department at
Tiospa Zina Tribal School.
Opening Date: May 8, 2014
Closing Date: Open until filled

Vacancy: Military Club Advisor
Qualifications: GED/High
School Diploma. If interested
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ATTENTION
LAKE TRAVERSE DISTRICT
MEMBERS

ANY LAKE TRAVERSE DISTRICT MEMBER INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR A BOARD, COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION...
PLEASE SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTENT TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE OR DISTRICT SECRETARY NO LATER THAN 4:30PM FEBRUARY 2ND, 2015.

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NOTICE

OLD AGENCY DISTRICT MEMBERS

2015 Board, Commission and Committee Openings for Election:
Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Sergeant at Arms
OAD Elderly Board 4 Positions
OAD Election Board 2 Positions (1-4 yr; 1-2 yr)
SWO Constitution Revisions Committee
SWO Elderly Advisory Board
SWO Environmental Protection Act Committee
SWO Fish and Wildlife
SWO Human Services Board
SWO Judicial Committee
SWO Pow Wow Committee
SWO Reservation Planning Commission
SWO Personnel
SWO Tax Commission
SWO Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance
Tiospa Zina Tribal School Board
Four Year Terms
CLOSING DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2015 AT 4:00 PM
Applications available at the OAD Center.

OLD AGENCY DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS
4TH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH - 6:00 PM-10:00 PM

JANUARY	26	2015
FEBRUARY	23	2015
MARCH	23	2015
APRIL	27	2015
MAY	25	2015
JUNE	22	2015
JULY	27	2015
AUGUST	24	2015
SEPTEMBER	28	2015
OCTOBER	26	2015
NOVEMBER	23	2015
DECEMBER	28	2015

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Attention
Heipa District Members

The Election for the Heipa Executives will be held on February 28th from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the District Center.
Closing date to run for an Executive position is February 10th at 4:30 p.m.

ATTENTION
LAKE TRAVERSE DISTRICT MEMBERS
LAKE TRAVERSE REGULAR DISTRICT MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST, 2015 AT 1 PM.

Attention
Lake Traverse Youth

The Lake Traverse District will be taking 2nd Quarter report cards. You may submit them to the district center. Deadline will be February 2, 2015.

ATTENTION
LAKE TRAVERSE DISTRICT MEMBERS
DISTRICT EXECUTIVES TELEPHONE NUMBERS
District Chairman-Beverly Thompson - 701-403-5667
Vice-Chairman-Darwin James - 268-3743
Treasurer-Chad Ward - 520-0625
Secretary-Janel Many Lightnings - 268-0161

Attention
Big Coulee District Members

The following is a list of candidates that have filed their letters of intent and the positions they have filed for. We will elect for these positions at the February 26, 2015 District meeting.

Chairman

Timothy L. LaBatte
Norma (Tiny) Perko
Emmett L. Amos
Danny White
Lydia (Susie) Rivera
David A. Spider

Vice-Chairman

Calvin Max Sr.
Thurman Frenier Sr.
Viva DuBois
Jason Eastman

Treasurer

Colette M. White
Lynn Halbert
Danielle DeCoteau

Secretary

Dawn Burley
Mary Jo Keeble (Bruyere)
Leslie Heminger
Carrie Godfrey-His Gun

NOTICE
LONG HOLLOW DISTRICT
MEMBERS

The following is a list of the upcoming District meetings:

December 27, 2014
January 24, 2015
February 28, 2015
March 28, 2015

As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact Dawn or Val at 605-698-4005. Hours are 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday-Friday. You may also contact us through email at lhdistrict@outlook.com

Notice

Enemy Swim District Members
Meetings for Enemy Swim for the winter months have been changed to Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

January 24, 2015
February 28, 2015
March 28, 2015
April 25, 2015.

NOTICE OF ELECTION
Enemy Swim District

The Enemy Swim District Election Board and Council-elect have set the following dates for elections for our District:
Executive positions and boards and committees. (Boards and committees on terms do not have to file.)

January 12, 2015

District members will be notified in the Sota and Sisseton Courier those that have met Qualifications to run for office.

February 3, 2015

Elections will be held at the Enemy Swim Community Center from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Notices

Buffalo Lake District Members
District General Election

The District General Election will be held on Saturday, January 24th from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the District Center. The following are the Executive Positions and boards and or committees that will be voted on:

- District Chairman
 - . Louie Johnson
 - 2. Elwood Greybuffalo Sr.
- * District Vice-chairman
 - 1. John Lincoln
 - 2. Donovan White
- * District Election Board
 - 1. Jessica Cloud
 - 2. Darla King
 - 3. Darlene King
 - 4. Cassandra Mason
 - 5. Heather Williams
- * Natural Resources
 - 1. Elwood Greybuffalo Sr.
 - 2. Donovan White
- * OEP
 - 1. Elwood Greybuffalo Sr.
 - 2. Cynthia Starr
- * Human Services Board
 - 1. Elwood Greybuffalo Sr.
 - 2. Lisa Red Wing
- * SW Housing Authority
 - 1. Louie Johnson
 - 2. Donovan White
- * SW Hiring Committee
 - 1. Sara Lincoln
 - 2. Lorraine Rousseau
- * SWO Powwow Committee
 - 1. Ronnie Brant
 - 2. Louie Johnson
- * Tax Commission
 - 1. Lisa Red Wing
 - 2. Arnold White Jr.
- * TERO Commission
 - 1. Elwood Greybuffalo Sr.
 - 2. Sara Lincoln

Police Commission Representative

The deadline to submit ones name for the Police Commission District representative was December 23rd at 4:30 p.m. Since no District member submitted their name this will be advertised for an additional 30 days. With the deadline being Sunday, January 25th at noon to the District Secretary at the Buffalo Lake District Center in writing. For those submitting their name the election will be held during the January 25th, 2015 District meeting. You may submit your name earlier than the deadline if you so wish to do so. Please contact the District Secretary at 237-3521.

January District Meeting

January's District meeting will be held on Sunday the 25th at noon with dinner and the meeting to start at 1:00p.m. All boards and committees must supply the meeting with 10 copies of your committee minutes.

Telephone Numbers

District District Chairman Louie Johnson – 951-4960
Councilman Kenneth Johnson – 268-1049
Vice-Chairman Donovan White – 237-2928
Treasurer Kayline LaBelle – 927-9018
Secretary Lisa RedWing – 237-3521

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Job Openings

The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate is seeking to fill the following positions(s):

Legal Analyst/Assistant, Legal Department
Outreach Worker, Realty
Project Director/Outreach Coordinator, Realty
Teacher, Early Head Start
Tutor (part-time), JOM
Administrative Assistant, Early Childhood Intervention Program
Tracking Paraprofessional, Early Childhood Intervention Program
Family Liaison/Intervention Paraprofessional, Early Childhood Intervention Program
Program Manager, Child Protection Program
Administrative Assistant/Office Manager, Head Start
Teacher Aide. Head Start

Closing Date: January 23rd, 2015 @ 04:30PM

All interested applicants may obtain application and job description information at the Human Resource Department, of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate or contact Arnold Williams at (605) 698-8238 or Denise Hill at (605) 698-8362. (Tribal preference will apply)



get results by ignoring the questions that have to be faced. No other topic dominates the agenda of Democratic legislators more than providing adequate funding to our public schools. We believe that education is the key to economic opportunity in the state of South Dakota. State Government must meet its critical obligations and education tops that list. Teacher recruitment and retention is at a critical stage. There are now 1,004 teachers in SD who are eligible for retirement. Right now, there are only 726 in-state college seniors who will teach and there is no guarantee that even half of them will stay in SD. Some teaching majors (like upper level Calculus or Tech Ed) are in even shorter supply. It may be true that you go into teaching because you love the kids and not for the money, but it might be a bit easier to love the job in North Dakota for \$8,500 more. More “love” yet in Minnesota where average teacher salary is \$17,250 higher than SD. A multitude of studies have proven that even adjusting for cost of living factors, the pay gap is widening between SD and neighboring states. According to a survey of SD school administrators, even when the current school year started, we had a wide variety of unfilled teaching positions or positions being filled with teachers who are not fully certified. How can we ignore this crisis? Our students should be our primary natural resource. An educated and capable workforce is the key ingredient to economic development and protecting the quality of life we cherish in this great state.



Gaming Commissions rules and regulations. This position will be advertised until it is filled. Indian Preference will apply/ EEO. Contact the Human Resources Department for complete job descriptions at 1-800-658-4717 ext. 1652. If interested please fill out an application and submit to: Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel, Human Resources Department, 16415 Sioux Conifer Road, Watertown, SD 57201.

Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel Job Openings

Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel is seeking to fill the following position(s):
SECURITY: SECURITY SERGEANT (1 Full-Time)
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Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve you, the residents of District 1. Please feel free to contact me at rep.feickert@state.sd.us or call me at 605-216-3451 with any questions, concerns or comments. If you plan to travel to Pierre during the legislative session, please let me know as I would be honored to meet with everyone from back home in District 1.

District 1 Representative Steve McCleerey

Week one

The 90th Session of the South Dakota Legislature has started. The atmosphere in side is, so far, much warmer than the climate outside. But the bills and issues are all adding up quickly for so early.

Hot topic issues will be most likely again be education, especially concerning teacher shortages and teacher pay. Student proficiency and comprehension are issues hovering over us again.

The Governor’s State of the State message addressed the intent to focus largely with transportation, bridges and roads, which I was glad to hear, as this was one of my main issues in the primary election in our

Morris receives NSF funding for STEM education

Morris, MN – January 14, 2015 – The National Science Foundation has awarded \$893,041 in funding for the University of Minnesota, Morris Improving Undergraduate STEM Education (IUSE) program. The goal of the project, under the direction of

and courteous manner when dealing with the customers and employees. Maintains security activities and performs credit transactions adhering to company, Tribal, State and Federal guidelines. Work closely with Casino & Hotel Management. **REQUIREMENTS:** Must have a high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent. Must not have a felony on their record. Should have some type of law enforcement background. Supervisory experience is necessary. In-house security background will be considered. Must be physically fit and able to lift 40+ lbs. Capable of doing scheduling and administrative paperwork. Must obtain a Key Gaming License upon hire. This position will be advertised until it is filled. Indian Preference will apply/ EEO. Contact the Human Resources Department for complete job descriptions at 1-800-658-4717 ext. 1652. If interested please fill out an application and submit to: Dakota Sioux Casino & Hotel, Human Resources Department, 16415 Sioux Conifer Road, Watertown, SD 57201.

district. I am expecting that a lot of time will be spent on this issue- with two main bills addressing it currently. Governor’s Daugaard’s bill will bring in \$50 million in increased taxes and fees. The other, from Senator Vehle of Mitchell increases taxes and fees by \$100 million.

Keep in mind the echo of last summer and fall during the election “NO NEW TAXES!” Yea Right!!! But watch these bills carefully.

Hopefully we will make some progress on Medicaid Expansion and water issues. I am so pleased to have Taylor Gaikowski and Hailey Block as my pages for the first two weeks. They are great young adults with an admirable attitude to learn and to participate in our state government.

It is an honor for me to represent you in Pierre as your elected Representative from District 1. My committees are Health and Human Services, Education, and Retirement Laws. Please contact me with any issues or concerns. My email is Rep.McCleerey@state.sd.us and my phone number is 605-742-3112.

Representative Steven D. McCleerey.

Professor of Geology Jim Cotter, is to increase the number of Native American graduates in the areas of environmental sciences and sustainability.

The five-year program, began in 2014. It serves 30 student participants and eight undergraduate interns each year, for a total of 190 students by its conclusion in 2019. Program components include:

2015 Sisseton Winter Show

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23 • 10:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24 • 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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2015 Miss Rodeo South Dakota, Kendra Peterson, will host a "Meet and Greet"

Friday Kids' Fun Night

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Friday, Jan. 23 • 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
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*continuation of the Wind-STEP program for American Indian high-school students,

*IUSE Environmental Science and Sustainability summer program for tribal-college students,

*IUSE Summer Internship Program with local business, and

*IUSE Enrichment Program to provide advice for the transition after college.

According to Cotter, complex environmental challenges require interdisciplinary solutions. “It is equally true,” he says, “that approaches to the environment require a diversity of viewpoints.” He believes increasing the number of Native American scientists in the environmental fields through programs like UMM-IUSE will lead to broader perspective on approaches to the environment.

“Education is the long-term solution to complex environmental problems, and the goal of the UMM-IUSE program is to develop model programs in undergraduate STEM education,” he says. “This program will augment Morris’s efforts to take a leadership role in environmental education and will positively impact partnering communities.”

The UMM-IUSE program is only the latest NSF-funded opportunity for American Indian students at Morris. For 10 years the foundation has provided funding for Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Talent Expansion Program (STEP) projects, led by Cotter, to encourage the participation of American Indian students in the sciences. NSF also recently funded the REU “Indigenous American to Indigenous Borneo,” led by Michael Ceballos, assistant professor of biology.

At Morris, American Indian students comprise 16 percent of the student body and have a six-year graduation rate of 61 percent, compared to the statewide average of 39. The campus also hosts the highest percentage of American Indian students in the University of Minnesota system.

The National Science Foundation IUSE program invites proposals that address immediate challenges and opportunities facing undergraduate STEM education as well as those that anticipate

new structures and functions of undergraduate learning and teaching. Additional information is available at nsf.gov.

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Free File launches; Helps taxpayers with new Health Care Law

Washington, DC - January 16, 2015 - The Internal Revenue Service and the Free File Alliance today announced the launch of Free File, which makes brand-name tax software products and electronic filing available to most taxpayers for free.

Free File software can help taxpayers with tax preparation, including the health care law that will affect almost everyone. People can use Free File software immediately but e-filed returns will not be transmitted to the IRS until Tuesday, January 20, when the filing season officially begins.

Free File is available only at IRS.gov/FreeFile, thanks to a partnership between the IRS and the Free File Alliance, a consortium of 14 leading tax software companies that make their branded products available for free. Since 2003, more than 43 million people have used Free File, saving \$1.3 billion based on a conservative \$30-fee estimate.

“You don’t have to be an expert on taxes or the new health care law. Free File software can help walk you through the rules and help you get it right,” said John A. Koskinen, IRS Commissioner. “For 12 years, this partnership between the IRS and the Free File Alliance has helped taxpayers save both money and time. The real winner in this partnership has been the nation’s taxpayers.”

Tim Hugo, executive director of the Free File Alliance, said, “We are proud to once again offer the industry’s most innovative and secure tax software at no cost to 70 percent of American taxpayers. Tax time can be stressful, but Free File makes step-by-step help accessible to everyone making \$60,000 or less. IRS.gov/FreeFile is the one place where taxpayers can choose from a variety of industry-leading tax software options in order to prepare

and e-file their federal tax returns at absolutely no cost.”

If you earned \$60,000 or less last year, you are eligible to choose from among 14 software products. If you earned more, you are still eligible for Free File Fillable Forms, the electronic version of IRS paper forms. This more basic Free File option, which is best for people comfortable preparing their own tax return, will be available January 20.

More than 70 percent of all taxpayers - 100 million people - are eligible for the software products. Each of the 14 companies has its own special offers, generally based on age, income or state residency. Taxpayers can review each company offer or they can use a “Help Me” tool that will find the software for which they are eligible.

Free File offers easy-to-use products that ask questions and you supply the answers. The software will find the right forms, find the right tax credits and deductions and even do the math for you.

Some companies also offer free state tax return preparation as well.

Free File also can help taxpayers with the new health care requirements. Almost everyone will need to do something new when filing a tax return this year. For each month in 2014, you and everyone on your return must:

*Report health care coverage, or

*Claim an exemption from coverage or

*Make a shared responsibility payment with your tax return.

Most people will simply have to check a box to report health care coverage for the entire year.

If you or anyone on your return purchased coverage from



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February 21st

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June 27th

Classes Held at the Sisseton-Wahpeton Housing Authority Administration Building

If interested, please contact one of the following agencies:

SWO Homebuyers Program (605)698-7707

Sisseton-Wahpeton Housing Authority (605)698-3901

Redwind to offer Native American business incubator workshop

Agency Village, SD - RedWind is thrilled to hold its next workshop, hosted by the Economic Division of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate. This small business incubator development workshop will be provided at the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribal Administration Building, Room Quad A, 108B Agency Village, South Dakota on Thursday, February 12th, 9:00am-4:00pm and Friday, February 13th, 9:00am-12:00pm.

All Native leaders, administrators and staff are invited to attend and strongly encouraged to register for this FREE two-day course for small business incubator development. The training workshop will benefit anyone who operates or is considering operating a business incubator.

This incubator workshop, one of (4) RedWind will hold this year, provides tribal leaders, economic development and small business development staff comprehensive information about starting up or running a small business incubator. Topics covered are: defining the incubator's role in the community, how to structure an incubator, developing incubator capabilities that may include the facility, resources, methods and tools, and how to integrate the incubator program into the fabric of the community and its broader economic tribal development goals.

RedWind will present this training in partnership with the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Economic Development Division.

The event is free to attend and open to the public. All class materials and refreshments will be provided to participants at no cost.

Harold (Sonny) Hill, the Sisseton Whapeton Oyate's Economic Development Director stated, "Our

Entertainment, educational programs to highlight 2015 Sisseton Winter Show

Enjoy a break from the cold winter weather this weekend by taking in the activities and entertainment at the 2015 Sisseton Winter Show to be held Jan.23-24 at the Sisseton High School Athletic Practice Facility. The two-day event, sponsored by the Sisseton Area Chamber of Commerce and the Glacial Lakes 4-H Rodeo Club, will include stage entertainment and educational programs. Hours for this year's show are 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 24, and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 25. All events and demonstrations are open to the public. No admission will be charged. Vendor Area

Entertainment More than 70 exhibitors will be on display around the practice facility gymnasium. While browsing through the various booths and displays, Winter Show visitors will be treated to entertainment on the stage in the northwest corner of the gym. All main stage entertainment will be sponsored by Dacotah Bank and Coteau des Prairies Health Care System.

The schedule of entertainment will be as follows:

Friday, January 23
10:30 a.m.: Staying Safe on the Farm presented by Greg Weiser & Andrew Nelson
12:30 p.m.: The Runestone

goal is to provide technical assistance and training for the development of small businesses within our tribal communities. We are pleased to offer this free small business incubator training and hope that you will join us. Business development is one of the key elements in growing and sustaining our Native economies."

* To register, please use the following link: http://conta.cc/1tRnnhq, or contact Harold (Sonny) Hill: 605-698-4972, Ext. 8213; HaroldH@swo-nsn.gov or Linda Turnbull Lewis: 918-458-9322; ltlewis@nativesmallbusiness.org

If you would like more information about the trainings go to http://www.nativesmallbusiness.org/.

Native American Business Incubator Workshops are provided to Native communities across the country through support from the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) Office of Native American Affairs (ONAA). The mission of the SBA is to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business by providing financial, contractual and business development assistance and advocating on their behalf within the government. More information about the SBA ONAA can be found at www.sba.gov/naa.

ONAA contracted with RedWind to provide the subject workshops through contract number: SBAHQ-14-F0102. RedWind is a Native operated technical assistance firm that helps transform and build strong tribal nations, enterprises and organizations. RedWind provides the experience and practical tools to help organizations meet the challenges facing tribal communities today. For more information about RedWind, please visit www.redwindgroup.com.

Rockettes from Alexandria, MN (emceed by 2015 Miss Rodeo SD Kendra Peterson)

1:30 p.m.: Students on Stage presented by SHS Oral Interp



2015 RODEO QUEEN TO PARTICIPATE IN SISSETON WINTER SHOW--2015 Miss Rodeo South Dakota, Kendra Peterson, will fill several roles during the Sisseton Winter Show Jan. 23-24. She will emcee the dance program by the Runestone Rockettes on Friday and will assist with the Celebrate Sisseton 125th Pie Auction on Saturday. Throughout the two days the Sisseton High School graduate will be available at a booth so guests can visit with her, get an autographed photo or have their picture taken with her. In the upcoming year Kendra will travel about 50,000 miles to over 40 different events to promote professional rodeo, South Dakota and the western lifestyle.

We are people of hope!


If you or someone you know needs to talk don't hesitate to call

Disaster Distress Helpline 1-800-985-5990

Native Youth Crises Line 1-877-209-1266

Suicide Prevention Line 1-800-273-8255 (TALK)

Human Service Agency 1-800-444-3989

Dakota Connection Month of Fun! January 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1. Buy 2 get one free on level 3 Both sessions	2. HALF PRICE FULL PAY	3. Dbl. Fish, Pig, Bonus, Fireball #'s
4. Dbl. Points Sunday 1st purchase	5. Half price full pay 18-54	6. Regular Session	7. Regular Session	8. Buy 2 get one free on level 2 Both sessions	9. HALF PRICE FULL PAY	10. Dbl. Fish, Pig, Bonus, Fireball #'s
11. Dbl. Points Sunday 1st purchase	12. Half price full pay 55- Over	13. Regular Session	14. Regular Session	15. Buy 2 get one free on level 3 Both sessions	16. HALF PRICE FULL PAY	17. Dbl. Fish, Pig, Bonus, Fireball #'s
18. Dbl. Points Sunday 1st purchase	19. Half price full pay 18-54	20. Regular Session	21. Regular Session	22. Buy 2 get one free on level 2 Both sessions	23. HALF PRICE FULL PAY	24. Dbl. Fish, Pig, Bonus, Fireball #'s
25. Dbl. Points Sunday 1st purchase	26. Half price full pay 55-Over	27. Regular Session	28. Regular Session	29. Buy 2 get one free on level 3 Both sessions	30. HALF PRICE FULL PAY	31. Dbl. Fish, Pig, Bonus, Fireball #'s
Tribal Council Special \$1000 Must Go!!!						

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ORVILLE D. LABATTE ~Dad~

They Say There Is a Reason

They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time nor reason,
Will change the way I feel,
For no one knows the heartache,
That lies behind our smiles,
No one knows how many times
We have broken down and cried,
We want to tell you something
So there won't be any doubt,
You're so wonderful to think of,
But so hard to be without.
Author Unknown

Miss You Dad
With never-ending love ...
Orvella Rae, Buddy, Shenkoab Gabrielle, Junebugger, Baby J.J., S. & Bentley

Students 2:30 p.m.: Computer Safety Concerns presented by Kiel Zinter of Tyler Computers in Milbank

3:30 p.m.: Protecting Your Identity presented by the SD Dept. of Consumer Protection

4:30 p.m.: Tae Kwon Do Demonstration by Tiger Tae Kwon Do students

6:00 p.m.: Comedy Juggling Show by Jason Huneke of St. Paul, MN

Saturday, January 24
10:30 a.m.: The Wing Its from Sisseton, SD

11:00 a.m.: Animal Encounter, up close and personal with animals from the Bramble Park Zoo in Watertown, SD

12:00 p.m.: Pie Auction to raise funds for Sisseton's 125th celebration in 2017

12:45 p.m.: Animal Encounter returns to the stage for Part 2

2:00 p.m.: Announcement of Door Prize Winners (Note: All scheduled entertainment and educational programs may be subject to change.)

Educational Programs The SHS Wrestling Room will be used for several educational programs this year. They will include:

Friday, January 23
11:00 a.m.: "Gardening Tips

from the Masters" presented by Master Gardeners from Grant and Roberts counties

12:00 p.m. "Tips & Products to Winterize Your Home" presented by Robert Biel

1:30 p.m. "Crime Prevention Tips" by Sgt. Jerome Stauss, Sisseton Police Department

3:00-6:00 p.m. Kids Play Land sponsored by Fisher Seeds. Activities will include a bouncy house, a corn box and snacks.

Saturday, January 24
9:00 a.m.: Legislative Crackerbarrel, join Dist. 1 Sen. Jason Frerichs and Dist. 1 Reps. Steve McCleerey and Dennis Fieckert as they share updates from the 2015 legislative session.

11:00 a.m. "How the Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Affects You" presented by Carla Burns from GROW SD & SBDC, a certified "Navigator" for the Affordable Care Act.

1:00 p.m.: "Do-It-Yourself Budget Savers", sponsored by Tri State Building Center and Teal's Market, presented by Kelly Hanson and Andrea Nelson

Free 4-H Pancake Feed
The annual 4-H Pancake Feed will once again be provided FREE thanks to the support of Venture Communications Cooperative.

Roberts County 4-H leaders and members will be cooking and serving pancakes and sausages in the SHS cafeteria from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 23. Freewill donations for 4-H activities in the county will be accepted.

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Dakota 38 + 2 Meeting

January 31st & February 1st 2015

10am-4pm

Dakota Sioux Casino Watertown, SD (Tatanka Room)

We, as a group, will be providing the meal. So please feel free to bring a dish!

Contact Information:
Lee Ann Eastman 605-231-3680
DaVonna Keeble 605-237-8060

For hotel reservations please call 1-800-658-4717
Mention Dakota 38 Meeting when making reservations rooms are \$40+tax/night

New column for young Oyate reporters

The Sota is planning to introduce a new column suggested by Assistant Editor Sierra Wolcott.

It will feature young Oyate writers. Each week we will select an article written by any of our Oyate aged 13 or under (8th grade or lower).

We are looking for news articles on any of these topics:

- Current events (local, state, country, or world)
- Interview with a role model (elder, politician, teacher, older student that you look up to, etc)
- Issues that affect us (environmental, health, etc)
- What I want to do to help



my people”
•Or editorials or opinion pieces
The only other guideline is that you write the piece on your own. Please submit articles by Thursday at noon of each week so that we have time to review. If your article is chosen to be printed in the Sota you will receive a Wal-Mart gift card and a “Young Reporter” certificate.

Watch for more information, but articles can be submitted to the Sota, P.O. Box 5, Wilmot, SD 57279 or by email to the editor at earthskyweb@cs.com/.



Zelma Flute giving her Tribal enrollment report. (Sota photo by John Heminger.)



KXSW Radio announcer Tom Wilson interviews Jim Pearson about emergency readiness. (Sota photo by John Heminger.)

Scholarship opportunity for Native students

The American Indian Education Foundation (AIEF) is now accepting applications for the 2015-2016 American Indian Education Foundation Scholarship. The scholarship is available to those students who are enrolled Tribal members or to those who are a descendent to a federally recognized American Indian tribe. The applicant must be enrolled as a fulltime student at an accredited 2 or 4 year college/university or



the Health Insurance Marketplace, you may be allowed to take the Premium Tax Credit. If you opted for any advance payments of the Premium Tax Credit to help with your monthly insurance premium payments, you must file a tax return, even if you were not required to file. You must reconcile your advance payments with the amount you were due. Learn more at IRS.gov/aca.

Free File will be available through October 2015. Taxpayers have the option to prepare their return at any time and schedule a tax payment as late as the April 15 deadline. Taxpayers who cannot meet the April 15 tax filing deadline can also use Free File to file a six-month extension.

Here are some common tax-related documents you will need to complete your tax return. Remember, you must also have documentation of any credit or deduction you are claiming as well.

- *A copy of last year’s tax return;
- *Valid Social Security numbers for yourself, spouse and children;
- *All income statements, i.e. W-2 forms, from all employers;
- *Interest/dividend statements, i.e. 1099 forms;
- *Form 1099-G showing any state refunds;
- *Unemployment compensation amount, if any;
- *Form 1095-A if you purchased coverage from a Health Insurance Marketplace;
- *Proof of health care insurance coverage for you and everyone on your return.

technical/vocational school in order to apply for the scholarship.

It is the mission of The American Indian Education Foundation to support American Indian students in achieving their dreams through completion of post-secondary school. Through the scholarship program AIEF continues to encourage Native American students through a \$2,000 award to those students who demonstrate the desire to seek continued success through higher education. You can find the scholarship application for undergraduate and graduate students at www.aieffprograms.org where you will find a direct link

New Year’s Resolution: Debt Free in 2015

Brookings, SD – According to a survey conducted by GoBanking Rates about 25 percent of individuals include paying down debt on their 2015 list of New Year’s Resolutions.

“Paying down debt not only helps your credit score, which can lower interest rates on future loans, but also relieves a lot of stress on individuals and families,” said Carrie Johnson, Assistant Professor & SDSU Extension Family Resource Management Specialist. If you’re among the 25 percent, Johnson shares some smart money tips to help you achieve your goal.

Tips to paying down Know How Much You Owe: Knowing what debts you currently have is the first step in becoming debt free. You need to know who you owe and how much you owe them. Johnson suggested that readers use a net worth tool found on iGrow.org to help them organize their debts and encouraged them to update this tool annually.

to the downloadable form fillable application as well as information for the scholarship.

The deadline to submit the application is April 4, 2015. Students are encouraged to get their application in by March 1st as they do receive an extra scholarship point and that one point could be the point they need to get the award!

For more information, or to apply, contact:
Onna LeBeau
American Indian Education Foundation
Collaboration and Training Coordinator
National Relief Charities
2401 Eglin Street
Rapid City, SD 57703
605.399.9905 x 418
olebeau@nrc1.org

or even longer to be debt free. Johnson said there are several questions you need to answer to understand what debt free means to you.

“Can you truly be debt free, or are you just planning on getting rid of higher interest rate credit card debt? You probably won’t be able to pay off a mortgage or student loans in one year. How drastically are you planning on changing your current standard of living? Where are you going to find the extra money to pay down debt? After tracking your expenses, can you find extra money to use towards your debt?”

Get Help if Needed: Find a credit or debt counselor to help you if needed. If you have more debt than you can possibly try to tackle yourself find a professional who can help you through the process.

To learn more, visit iGrow.org.

Disaster Distress Helpline

PHONE: 1-800-985-5990
TEXT: "TalkWithUs" to 66746

NATIVE AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURIAL EMPOWERMENT WORKSHOPS

Native Leaders & Staff Invited To Attend A Business Incubator Workshop

Attend a FREE Native American Business Incubator Workshop! Training by RedWind In Partnership with the Economic Development Division of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Tribe in Agency Village, South Dakota

- FREE 2-Day Native American Small Business Incubator Workshop
- Thursday, February 12th (9am-4pm) and Friday, February 13th (9am-12:00 pm)
- At the SWO Tribal Administration Building, Room Quad A, 108B Agency Village, SD 57262
- Class materials & refreshments provided
- Please register on-line: <http://conta.cc/1tRnnhq>
- Or contact Harold (Sonny) Hill: 605-698-4972, Ex. 8213; HaroldH@swo-nsn.gov; or Linda Turnbull Lewis: 918-458-9322; ltlewis@nativesmallbusiness.org

NATIVE AMERICAN BUSINESS INCUBATOR WORKSHOPS ARE PROVIDED TO NATIVE COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY THROUGH SUPPORT FROM THE UNITED STATES SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) OFFICE OF NATIVE AMERICAN AFFAIRS (ONAA). ONAA CONTRACTED WITH REDWIND TO PROVIDE WORKSHOPS THROUGH CONTRACT NUMBER: 5BAHQ-14-F0102. FIND MORE INFORMATION AT [HTTP://WWW.NATIVESMALLBUSINESS.ORG/](http://WWW.NATIVESMALLBUSINESS.ORG/)

2015 SWO PUBLIC ICE FISHING DERBY

February 07, 9 AM - 2 PM

South Buffalo Lake

Incase of bad weather alternate date : February 21st

\$2,625.00 In cash prizes Plus other prizes

	Largest	Northern	Walleye	Perch	Bass	Other Pan Fish
1st Place	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$100
2nd Place	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$75
3rd Place	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$50

Registration: Starts at 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Fee: \$5.00 per adult, youth up to 16 years of age are free.

Door Prizes: Numerous door prizes will be given throughout the day for all registered participants.

Youth Prizes: There will be separate door prize drawings for all registered youth participants throughout the day.

Raffle Drawing: A raffle for (1) Fish House Otter XT650, (1) Vexilar FL-12 Pro Pack II, (1) Strike Master MAG 2000 Ice Auger \$1.00 a Ticket, Winners will be drawn at the conclusion of the derby.

Concessions: Concessions will be available with buffalo burgers, chili, coffee, hot chocolate and other delicious items.

Bait: Minnows will be provided for those in need. Ice fishing holes will be drilled upon request.

Bring the whole family out for a great Time on the ice! Any questions may be directed to the SWO Fish and Wildlife Dept. @ 698-8353

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MNI WICONI MEETING CALLED FOR WEDNESDAY

By CD Floro
Sota Editor

Hau Mitakuypai! Mni Wiconi!
This is the heading for our invitation to a “Meeting for All” this Wednesday, May 27th, at TiWakan Tio Tipi – headquarters of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribe at Agency Village, SD. The meeting will take place at 1:00 p.m., following Tribal Council session which will end at noon.

Yes. Water is sacred.
It is also fast replacing oil as a target for corporate greed.

It has been said that future wars will be fought not over oil but over water rights.

In a real way, the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate are already engaged in that war. And because this effort is not only for Tribal members but for everyone – people of other Tribal nations, and the many, many non-Indians who live on these lands. This call is going out to everyone interested in protecting the water and land resources.

There has been some continuity between Tribal administrations involving this war to protect and defend the first water usage rights of the Oyate. Under the Shepherd administration, an application was made with the BIA for \$250,000 to help identify sources of pollution and monitor groundwater sites on the Lake Traverse Reservation. That application came out of water rights studies contracted by the administration of former Chairman Michael Selvage.

Also, Tribal Council during Roberts Shepherd’s term in office approved a request by the EPA and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to cooperate in a 2015 cleanup of the Upper Minnesota Watershed. Headwaters are here on the Reservation.

SWO Tribal Chairman Bruce Renville and other current Council members have indicated commitment to engaging in this war to protect water rights. That support came in a meeting held in Council chambers May 6th. Addressing Council were Dallas Goldtooth, Julian Boucher, Paula Horne, and Chief Arvol Looking

Horse.
The Chairman and Councilman Dave Flute have attended several meetings of a volunteer group called “Mni Wiconi” over the past several months. They understand the issues, as does Councilman Jerry Eastman. Jerry has worked for Tribal OEP and serves today as its liaison.

Those issues will be put on the floor for discussion. Along with facts about water quality, with warnings about high levels of E.coli in samples taken only a number of feet away from Tribal housing where children live and play each day.

Our Mni Wiconi group is a cross section of Oyate – from elders with experience and vision to youth passionate about rebuilding traditional culture – young people who want a vision they can be part of making happen for themselves and for their families and communities.

Besides our own meetings some of us sat with the OEP Board.

OEP Director DeVon Bursheim and her staff are cooperating to help with monitoring.

New 106 Water Technicians have been hired and given training. They are on the ground now testing for pollution, which we have already found in samples collected and tested by our group.

OEP is the point of the spear the Tribe will carry into the battles of this war.

The Tribe also needs legal assistance, from an office or attorney with roots in tribal law and in water rights. This is one of the topics for discussion Wednesday.

We cannot separate Mni Wiconi and her protection from other concerns on our Reservation.

This war is not solely about water rights and protection from pollution.

It involves all we have gathered in our grassroots solutions meetings to discuss – from the epidemic of meth to domestic violence, crime, and “restorative



Photos of one of the Mni Wiconi meetings



This meeting took place a week ago in the office of SWO Tribal Secretary Crystal Owen (who took the pictures).

Good look into activities of Aliive Roberts County –

Ending the Truancy to Prison Pipeline for Native Youth

By Christina Rose

Indian Country Today - May 21, 2015 - Incarcerated youth on the Lake Traverse Reservation in South Dakota, too often find themselves back in the juvenile detention system only weeks after

they return home. But a new Young Ambassadors Program gives them an opportunity to break that cycle and become leaders in their community.

“The majority of our incarcerated Native youth start out with truancy problems. They get the

books thrown at them, and their life after that is pretty much done,” said Dustina Gill, Sisseton-Wahpeton, project manager at ALIIVE, a state accredited prevention program in Roberts County, South Dakota.

Gill recently returned from

the White House where she met with then Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs Jodi Gillette, of the Standing Rock Reservation, and several youth advocates. There she presented her thoughts on youth suicide,

Attorney’s Office Tribal Liaison; Mario Redlegs, BIA Officer; Jeannie Hovland, Aide to Senator Thune; and Beth Hollatz, Aide to Representative Noem.

Council and their guests were given a tour of the current Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Tribal detention and law enforcement center by Captain Gary Gaikowski.

After the tour a brief lunch was held followed by a question answer session to discuss potential funding

alcoholism and incarceration.

When youth are released from mental health or juvenile justice programs, they come to ALIIVE for support. Gill’s program seeks to expand services to offer mental health support to the recently

for a Tribal Justice Center through the United States Department of Justice.

While a Tribal Justice Center has been on the table for many years, the current federal budget does not have funding allocated for such projects. The new federal budget may be moving in the direction to make funding available.

This meeting between the tribal, state, and federal officials demonstrated active communication and a continued government-to-government relationship. It is important to keep the dialogue open between the tribe and federal departments and these meetings encourage stronger relationships across the governments.

released youth and their families.

Jaron, a 17-year-old high school student, said he continually struggles with addiction and appreciates the environment he



This year Dustina Gill, SWO, presented in Bolivia for Americans for Indian Opportunity and in Washington, D.C., on behalf of Native youth and ALIIVE.



Three members of ALIIVE’s Youth Council high five. (ALIIVE Roberts County)



Sumo wrestling costumes provide the perfect way for the youth to work off some energy at ALIIVE. (ALIIVE, Roberts County)



A donut-eating contest gives the youth an opportunity to bond with their community members at ALIIVE. (ALIIVE Roberts County)

Tester: Water compacts are vital for tribes, neighboring communities

US Senate – May 21, 2015 – In a Senate hearing, Senator Jon Tester pushed to get three Montana tribal water compacts ratified and funded.

During a Senate Indian Affairs Committee hearing, Vice-Chairman Tester highlighted how vital these water compacts are for the health, safety, and the economy of tribal and non-tribal communities. Tester discussed his bill, the Authorized Rural Water Projects Completion Act, that invests \$35 million annually for 20 years to help pay for projects associated with tribal water compacts.

“Water rights are vital to tribal and non-tribal communities,” Tester said after the hearing. “Investing in rural water systems provides clean and reliable water to homes, schools, farms, and businesses, both on and off tribal lands. My bill ensures we pay for the construction of these projects that benefit families in Indian Country.”

DOJ proposes legislation to improve voting access for American Indians, Alaskan Natives

Washington, DC – May 21, 2015 – Today the Department of Justice proposed legislation that would require states or localities whose territory includes part or all of an Indian reservation, an Alaska Native village, or other tribal lands to locate at least one polling place in a venue selected by the tribal government.

“The Department of Justice is deeply committed to ensuring that every eligible individual is able to exercise his or her fundamental right to vote,” said Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch. “That’s why, today, I am calling on Congress to help remove the significant and unnecessary barriers that for too long have confronted American Indians and Alaska Natives attempting to cast their ballots. The legislation we recommend today will make this nation stronger by extending meaningful voting opportunities to native populations, by encouraging full participation in our democratic institutions, and by bringing us closer to our most cherished ideals.”

“As citizens of a nation founded upon the principles of liberty and equality, Native Americans have faced unacceptable barriers to participating in the franchise, a situation aggravated by a history of discrimination, poverty and — significantly — great distances from polling places,” said Acting Associate Attorney General Stuart Delery. “In spite of many reforms made possible by the Voting Rights Act and other measures, voting rates among Native Americans remain disproportionately low. The legislation proposed today would address this unacceptable gap and we look forward to working with Congress to see it enacted.”

American Indians and Alaska Natives have faced significant obstacles that have prevented them from enjoying equal access to polling places and equal opportunities to cast a ballot. In addition to suffering from a long history of discrimination, the distance many American Indian and Alaska Native citizens must travel to reach a polling place presents a substantial and ongoing barrier to full voter participation. Following formal consultations with Indian tribes, the Department of Justice believes that there is a pressing need for federal legislation to ensure equal access to voting by Native American voters.

Today, the Department of Justice sent a letter to Congress with a legislative proposal, which would ensure that American Indian and Alaska Natives have access to at least one polling place in their communities to cast their ballots and require a number of additional obligations to ensure parity with other polling places.

This legislative proposal, a stand-alone bill, would: Enable Native Americans to vote on or near tribal lands, by requiring any state or local election administrator whose territory includes part or all of an Indian reservation, an Alaska Native village, or other tribal lands to locate at least one polling place in a venue selected, and made available for the purpose of conducting elections, by the tribal government.

Require states to make voting machines, ballots, and other voting materials and equipment available at these tribally located polling places to the same extent that they are available at other polling places in the state.

Require states to provide compensation and other benefits to election officials and poll workers at these polling places to the same extent as at other polling



justice.”

These are all matters discussed when US Attorney Brendan Johnson visited one of our first meetings in Council chambers last year.

All are related. So this meeting is not only about water. Perhaps we should be calling this gathering the first “grassroots solutions” meeting of 2015.

There will be an open microphone on Wednesday, and especially the youth volunteers are invited to speak. Watch for news of a Mni Wiconi presentation to be part of the next SWO General Council, scheduled for Thursday and Friday, June 25-26.

(Editor’s note: See also the article on Montana Senator Jon Tester on tribal water compacts.)

The Blackfeet, Fort Belknap, and Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes water compacts have passed the Montana Legislature with bipartisan support and have been signed into state law by the governor, but still need action from Congress or Interior Department to become ratified.

Tester’s bill will not add to the federal debt and uses the Reclamation Fund to pay for the construction and upgrades of these water projects.

Tribal water compacts are put together over decades of negotiations between tribes, private landowners, and the State of Montana.

Senator Steve Daines is a cosponsor of the Authorized Rural Waters Projects Completion Act.

(Editor’s note: The SWO are paying attention to the extreme pressures placed upon water for which they have first usage rights. Please come to Wednesday’s Mni Wiconi meeting if you can.)

places in the state.

Require states to use the same voting procedures at these polling places as at other polling places in the state — potentially including election-day voting, early voting, the hours during which polling places are open, the operation of voting mechanisms or systems, and same-day registration.

Allow states to meet their obligations by either creating new polling places or relocating existing ones.

Allow tribes with larger populations or land bases to request more than one polling place.

Make the states’ obligations contingent on the tribe filing a timely request and certifying that it has arranged for access to, and appropriate staffing for, the polling facility.

Require the tribe to ensure that the staffers for the polling place are properly trained.

Require the tribe to ensure that the polling place will be open and accessible to all eligible citizens who reside in the precinct, regardless of whether they are Indians or non-Indians.

The Department of Justice is committed to ensuring equal access to voting for Native American voters. This proposal would address serious voting obstacles faced by citizens who are members of Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages; provide equal access to polling places for all eligible citizens, including members of tribes and villages; reinforce our nation’s commitment to the fundamental right to vote; and strengthen the government-to-government relationship between the United States and tribal nations.

In 1975, recognizing the barriers to full participation that Native Americans continued to confront, Congress expressly included American Indians and Alaska Natives as protected groups under the special provisions of the Voting Rights Act. Sections 4 and 5 of the Voting Rights Act prohibited many jurisdictions with large American Indian or Alaska Native populations from changing their voting laws until they could prove that the change would not create new barriers to effective participation. A number of jurisdictions with large Native American populations that have limited English proficiency — in six states, including Alaska — are also covered by Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act, which requires bilingual election materials and assistance.

Despite these reforms, participation rates among American Indians and Alaska Natives continue to lag

Obama moves Tribes from “Discretionary” to “Mandatory Non-Discretionary” for IHS contract support

By Levi Rickert

(Editor’s note: This is a “big deal” for tribes, including the SWO. Readers will recall the numerous complaints raised and shared on our pages about how claim denials have hurt their credit ratings ... denials they don’t believe have been warranted.)

Native News Online – Washington, DC – February 2, 2015 - Today, President Obama took a historic step in recognizing and reaffirming true government-to-government relations and in honoring the trust responsibility to American Indian tribes pursuant to treaties and the U.S. Constitution.

President Obama took action no previous United States president has done by promoting to move a portion of federal funding for American Indian tribes from “discretionary” to “mandatory non-discretionary.” This means that the devastating impacts of sequestration in recent years will no longer affect Contract Support Cost (CSC) which is a fee of sorts on top of federal funding for the administration of Indian Health Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs funding.

In 2014, Aaron Payment, chairperson of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, successfully negotiated a settlement of past CSC claims for the Sault Tribe and recovered \$1.3 million. Stabilizing this funding will better ensure continuity of essential programs and services.

On the national scale, the President’s proposal for Indian Health Services alone would make CSC funding

June Janelle Robertson-Crawford-Bracey-Azure

Our kind and loving mother began her journey with the Creator on May 14, 2015.

June Janelle Azure was born June 5, 1937, to Lester and Edith (Robertson) Crawford at Sisseton, South Dakota. She was a member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Buffalo Lake District.

As the second child of eight children, her earliest years were spent growing up in the log house and family farm at Buffalo Lake. Fishing and swimming were a couple of her favorite things as a child.

Her mother passed away in late winter of 1951. Her dad couldn’t deal with the pain and he left the family a few months later.

Extended family took the children in and mom was raised by the people she respected most throughout her life, her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Frances Crawford.

As a little girl, she attended Buffalo Lake country school, Wahpeton Indian School, and graduated from Flandreau Indian Boarding School. June received a scholarship to study Home Economics at Dickinson State College. She completed her education at UCLA, where she learned the skills of what would be her life long career, dental assisting.

She lived in many places, including, Los Angeles; Bay Town, Texas; Brigham City, Utah; Fort Belknap, St. Ignatius, and Arlee, MT. She was extremely proud of her 40+ year career, most of that with Indian Health Service.

In retirement, in Arlee, her time was spent gardening, patching clothes for her grandchildren, hanging with her sewing club buddies and Senior Center friends. She loved you all very much. In addition to gardening, sewing and crafting, she loved a scenic drive in the car. Family gatherings with food were very important and she would be the first to start menu planning.

She had a great sense of humor and LOVED TO LAUGH.

She is survived by sisters, Rose Marie (Robin) McGuire, Lillian (Spencer) Wanna; her brother Lester (Louise) Crawford; children, Scott (Judy), Lester (Ted), Janelle (Peter), Dee (Lee); grandchildren, Shane Shyane, Destany, Brittany, Dakota, Raymond, Beedo, Troy, Cora, Monte and great-grandchildren Celestia and Chaske’ and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded by her parents Edith Robertson Crawford and Lester Percy Crawford; aunt Marie Crawford and uncle Francis Crawford; brothers, Earl, Donald and Gary and sister Cora Mae; and husbands Brownie Bracey and Monte Azure.

Mom will always be remembered as a sweet, kind and generous woman. We love you. Rest in peace, Junebug.

behind turnout rates among non-Native voters. For example, in Alaska, turnout among Alaska Natives often falls 15 to 20 or more percentage points below the non-Native turnout rate. The causes of these disparities are complex, but the reality is that political participation by Native Americans consistently trails that of non-Natives and unequal access to polling places is a significant contributing factor.

Review the legislation at www.justice.gov/tribal/departement-justice-proposes-legislation-improve-access-voting-american-indians-and-alaska

reoccurring and mandatory in the amount of \$800 million in the first year, \$900 million in year two and \$1 billion annually in year three! This move would also make CSC “X-Year” funded meaning it is not subject to recessionary efforts if not all of the amount is used in a single fiscal cycle.

This recommendation comes as the IHS CSC Workgroup wraps up its yearlong charge – serving in an advisory capacity to the Interim IHS Director, including workgroup member Chairperson Aaron Payment who is quoted as saying, “we worked for just over a year to work through all of the technical aspects of this complex issue and to develop a spreadsheet CSC calculator to demonstrate the predictability of the model, show accountability, and build confidence in the use of federal funds.” Payment reflected, “I am humbled to have played a role in facilitating effective communications between tribal representatives and our federal partners. It was an historical feat for which our ancestors would be proud.”

The work left to do is to urge Congress to uphold their Constitutional and trust responsibility in honoring the treaties by permanently enacting this legislation to make CSC funds mandatory. Chairperson Payment has pledged to use his role as a CSC Workgroup Member and as Vice President of the Mid West Alliance of Sovereign Tribes and the National Congress of American Indians (Midwest Region) to get this final task over the finish line.



Arrangements were under the loving care of Foster Funeral Home in St. Ignatius, www.fosterhandcrematory.com.

A wake began Sunday May 17 at 7 pm. Funeral services were Monday morning May 18. Burial took place at Pleasant View Cemetery in St. Ignatius.

A lovely luncheon was served after. All services were held at the Longhouse in St. Ignatius, MT.

Services held for Gary Small, Sr.

Gary Small, Sr., age 59, of Watertown, SD, passed away Sunday, May 17, 2015, at his residence.

Memorial services were held Thursday morning, May 21, 2015 at Wight, Comes & Sogn Funeral Chapel in Watertown with Reverend Lamar Whittemore officiating, and special music by the Amos’s.

Honorary Urn bearers were Travis Rudebusch, Albert Neuman, Dillon Henry, Darius Small, Austin “Bucket” Neuman, Tyler Neuman, Butch Karnof, Scott Julius, Trey Henry and Michael Donner.

Gary was born August 28, 1955 at Poplar, Montana, to Sylvester J. and Gladys C. (Ortley) Small. He was raised in Montana and Sisseton, South Dakota. He married Lana Rae Donner on July 6, 1974.

Gary worked in the construction business in Sisseton and Watertown.

Gary had a big heart and was always willing to help out anyone in need.

He loved spending time down home in Big Coulee with his family; but his passion was spending time with his grandchildren.

Gary also enjoyed softball, basketball, playing pool, darts, volleyball, collecting coins, going to pow wows and listening to pow wow music and the “oldies.”

Gary is survived by his wife, Lana of Watertown, SD; his children, Gary (Laura) Small of Sioux Falls, SD, Tracy Small (Albert Neuman) of Chester, SD, Kristina Small (Dillon Henry) Watertown, SD and Dawn Redday Schnackenberg (fiancé, Shawn Ohlsen) of Castlewood, SD; eleven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and seven brothers and sisters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sylvester and Gladys; his in-laws, August & Dorothy Donner; six brothers and sisters; and his grandson, Michael Wayne Schnackenberg.

Arrangements by Wight, Comes & Sogn Funeral Chapel in Watertown-www.wcsfc.com.

Services for Grace Aadland

Grace Aadland, 87, of Sisseton, SD passed away on May 22, 2015 at Sanford Hospital in Fargo, ND.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the Family Life Assembly of God church in Sisseton.

There will be visitation on Tuesday from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m., with a 7:00 p.m. prayer service at the Cahill Funeral Chapel.



finds at ALIIVE. “The kids are great,” Jaron said that when he was sent away, he had the chance to work on his addictions, but when he returned, “we come back to the same environment.”

Without proper counseling, families don’t have the tools to support their children’s return, to help them find new friends and make new habits. “I think every parent has expressed that frustration,” Gill said, adding that many of the youth quickly fall back into old patterns and end up back in the system.

“Mental health goes hand-in-hand with juvenile reform,” she said.

Gill’s plan to break the cycle is based on a proven method of honing leadership skills. Throughout 2006 and 2007, she participated in Americans for Indian Opportunity founded by LaDonna Harris, Comanche, and other Native American activists in 1970. Every two years, a fellowship is offered to 17 adults in their 20s and 30s, who are invited to participate in leadership training based on traditional indigenous philosophies.

In AIO’s Young Ambassadors Program, leaders focus on community need. “How does your community need your personal medicine? How does your personal strength benefit your community?” asked Laura Harris, Comanche, executive director of AIO.

Harris was one of Gill’s advisors in AIO. She said Gill is adapting the Young Ambassadors Program for the Sisseton-Wahpeton youth at ALIIVE. “Destina is sharing some of our values and principals... and is adapting it to the needs of their community to make it culturally appropriate for their tribe. Our program is for young adults, aged 20 to 30, Destina’s is for teens,” Harris said.



SOTA IYA YE YAPI

Editorials

Sota editorial – “Make No Bones About It” Invitation to 20th annual World Peace and Prayer Day



Mitakuye Oyasin (all my relations),
On this June 21st, 2015 we as the Spiritual People, from the guidance of Great Spirit, will light our sacred fire of 20 years.
My heart is heavy as I share my feelings with each and every one of you; it feels as though humanity has gone too far. It was shown in a dream long ago, that we would come to a time in this global community, we would have to unite at our Sacred Sites once again to bring back healing. Many Nations would stand shoulder to shoulder in the Sacred Hoop. The future of our children's health and wellbeing is dependent on our efforts. They need every person's prayer from the Global Community.

We are sincerely asking prayers for the People that are spiritually disconnected who are making decisions that only last in their life time of survival for profit off Mother Earth. Mother Earth is the source of life not a resource. Many Sacred Sites have been abused and controlled by People who do not know Spirit.

In our prophecies when earth and climate change begins to disrupt the natural cycle of survival and life, the animals would warn with their sacred color white. This will be a sign of what is called the Crossroads; either be faced with chaos, disasters and witness tears from our relatives eyes or we can unite spiritually in this Global Community - All Nations, All Faiths, One Prayer.

We must regain the respect and honor back for the Sacred Sites and Sacred Places of worship. Long ago, wars left these places and people of prayer alone, today they are being destroyed. I know that many People feel the same as I do.

This has been a long journey of many tests and hardship at times. If it were not for the People that believed in spirit of the white animals we would have never come this far. We ran and rode horseback carrying that sacred message for the health and well-being of Mother Earth and all her creation. We did our best. I would like to acknowledge all those who heard the call and sponsored the event of June 21st to grow on their continent and honor their local Sacred Site.

This year many will travel again to their sacred places. In Ashland, Oregon, we will honor my Hunka (adopted) Father Dave Chief for instructing RED (Red Earth Descendants) to pray since 1996 at their Sacred Site. I ask the Global community to pray with us, whether it is a church, temple, synagogue, mosque or where ever the spirit may guide to pray with us on this day.

In a sacred hoop of life where there is no ending and beginning, Onipiktec'a (that we shall live).
-- Chief Arvol Looking Horse
19th Generation Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe Bundle

SOTA IYA YE YAPI

On and Off the Rez

Brief commentaries from the Sota editor

Pidamiya Akicita!
Our thanks to the SWO United Veterans Association honor guard for taking time this Monday, the federal Memorial Day holiday, to honor our fallen veterans across the Lake Traverse Reservation.
And the Kit Fox Society, thank you for the honoring scheduled to be held on the traditional Memorial Day, May 30th (Saturday).
We must never forget those who have sacrificed, as well as those who continue to sacrifice, in our military services.
This is also a time many of us clean and place flowers in places where we remember those of our families who have gone before us.
Perhaps it is a good time to honor their memory by rededicating our lives to changing the wheels of the social order that perpetuates oppression and destruction of lives and the earth for sort-term gains of wealth and power. Too often it is greed for power and control of resources that sends our military to war.

Please read our call to the Mni Wiconi meeting for all this Wednesday.
Share the call, and come if you are able.
The Water, the Land must be preserved for future generations or they will continue to be poisoned by selfish misuse.

We stand corrected.
The May 14th meeting of Acting US Attorney Randolph Seil, BIA Officer Mario Redlegs and aides to Senator Thune and Representative Kristi Noem with Tribal officials was planned in advance.
We only wish that we'd been given a heads-up.
The topics are of major importance to all the Oyate. And we surely would have followed up on the last time the US Attorney visited our grassroots solutions meeting. That was former US Attorney Brendan Johnson.
Johnson told us he would be working on funding for the justice center, with the Congressional delegates. He also said he would return and work cooperatively with us on our epidemic of drug dealing and addiction.
We are upset that this visit was not announced to the Sota.
Anyone who has followed our focus on "restorative justice" will understand why.
Hopefully, this behind-the-scenes meeting will help bring about construction of the much-needed facility.
We remember walking through this same old law enforcement building with Senator Daschle in the mid-90s. Its inadequacy was obvious certainly to him, and he supported a cooperative multi-jurisdictional center.
Unfortunately, that fell through when Roberts County would not negotiate in good faith with former

Chairman Andy Grey.
So today we have the Roberts County Jail ... and we have ... well we have the old jail.
Thank you to Maya Kwon for her report on the meeting.

It's more than a little exciting to have one of our own youth groups featured nationally for making positive changes in the lives of our Oyate.
Please read the article on Alive Roberts County and what Dustina Gill and Sara McGregor-Okroi and their volunteers helpers have been doing for our youth.
Also, if you are able, please donate to the fundraising to send three of our Oyate youth to the White House Tribal Nations Youth Conference in July.
Help support all of our youth groups!

We have had Sota Reporter/Photographers DaVonna Keeble and John Heminger on assignment covering graduation ceremonies.
Watch for pictures and news in the next issue.
And congratulations to all the graduates – from pre-school through college!
May the strength of your ancestors, family and community, sustain you as you continue to grow and get into career paths that not only provide for your passion and needs but enhances your community.

We are still working to bring to light cases of racism in the local community.
Watch for reports as we sift through information we've been given.
There is one report of discrimination in the workplace against an employee.
Another alleges discrimination in providing social services.

Elder's Meditation:
"To me, if you're Indian, you're Indian. You don't have to put on your buckskin, beads, and feathers, and stuff like that." -- Cecilia Mitchell, MOHAWK
The most important thing that determines who we are is on our insides, not our outsides. If we are Indian inside, that's all that matters. Being Indian means to think right, to be spiritual, and to pray. Feathers and beads don't make us Indian. Being Indian means to have a good heart and a good mind. Great Spirit, today, let me think Indian

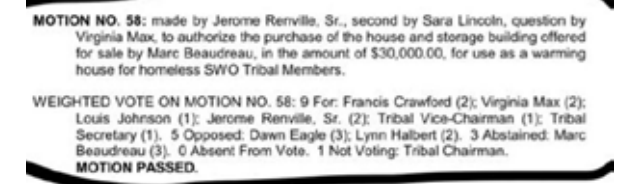
Words to consider (or, perhaps not!):
Read, every day, something no one else is reading. Think, every day, something no one else is thinking. Do, every day, something no one else would be silly enough to do. It is bad for the mind to be always part of unanimity. Christopher Morley (1890 - 1957)

Let us make a special effort to stop communicating with each other, so we can have some conversation.
Judith Martin, (Miss Manners)
None but a coward dares to boast that he has never known fear. Ferdinand Foch (1851 - 1929)
Sanity is a madness put to good use. George Santayana (1863 - 1952)
There is always a well-known solution to every human problem--neat, plausible, and wrong. H. L. Mencken (1880 - 1956), Prejudices: Second Series, 1920
At least two-thirds of our miseries spring from human stupidity, human malice and those great motivators and justifiers of malice and stupidity: idealism, dogmatism and proselytizing zeal on behalf of religious or political ideas. Aldous Huxley (1894 - 1963)

The Sota is always looking for news of the Oyate.
If you have information and/or photos of newsworthy happenings in your family or community, please consider sharing with your Sota staff.
For submission deadlines and other information, see below:
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Open letter to the Oyate

Dear Oyate:
The actions of the three sore losers (Robin Q., Francis C., Jerome R.) to obstruct Crystal Owen from being declared the lawful winner of Tribal Secretary in the November 2014 election are prime examples of why the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate (SWO) Constitution and By-Laws need to be amended so that those elected to office are seated the day following the election. Otherwise lame-duck office holders and other members of Tribal Clowncil (TC) are allowed time to satisfy their personal agendas and to turn a blind eye other important issues like "the warming house" fiasco with Marc Beaudreau - Heipa Clowncil Rep. He sold dilapidated property at an inflated price (\$30,000.00) to the SWO under the scam of helping the homeless. Here's a timeline of what occurred (with documentation provided to the Sota):




10-08-14: Marc B. Proposal to Tribal Clowncil (TC) on sale. Concerns that should have been addressed: (1) Marc B's proposal consisted of a survey of average home prices in Sisseton - his proposal was not a home but a business. He could have proposed a joint business venture and invested his property to have skin in the game, but greed seems to be his motive; (2) TC ignores its fiduciary responsibility (trust obligations) to SWO membership: with no appraisal, no Reservation Planning Committee (RPC) involvement or approval, no research of property tax, insurance cost, etc., no established policy and procedure followed;
10-08-14: Tribal Clowncil (TC) Motion No. 58 from 10-08-14 to purchase Marc Beaudreau property for \$30,000.00. Concerns that should have been addressed: (1) TC chose to ignore the obvious conflict of interest in which Marc B benefits by using his position on TC to circumvent the authorized policies to sell his personal dilapidated property; (2) Again! TC ignores its fiduciary responsibility (trust obligations) to SWO membership; (3) In its motion to purchase this property; TC becomes cohorts with this fraudulent sale;

SD 57279 by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday. FAX and e-mail submissions will be accepted until 12:00 noon on Friday (with the exception of letters to the editor/open letters to the Oyate, or "opinion" letters, which must be received by 10:00 a.m. Thursday).
If you are writing an opinion letter, please note that it must be signed and the author's name will appear in print. Letters must not contain libel and must be brief, ideally 500 words or less. Letters may be edited for content. Omissions will be identified with periods . . . editor's explanations will be provided in [brackets]. Readers who want access to unedited versions will need to contact the authors.
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10-30-14: Check 200302 for \$30,000.00 from Land Acquisition Account ("Acquisition" misspelled on check);
11-18-14: Conditional Use/Variance Application (Permit No. 2014-4S) filed by Robin Q with Owner listed as SWO - Robert Shepard. Proposal for Conditional Use Permit is "Use apartment building as homeless/warming shelter". Signature of Owner is "SWO/Robert Shepard & Marc Beaudreau". Date of Hearing set for 12-18-14. Concerns that should have been addressed: (1) Again! TC ignores its fiduciary responsibility (trust obligations) to SWO membership; (2) TC completely disregards best business practices established by using RPC. What crystal ball did TC gaze into that showed them that by simply purchasing property Marc B's proposal would - poof - magically occur? (3) Signatures could be construed as a partnership with SWO/Robert Shepard and private citizen Marc Beaudreau. Otherwise no legal title is ascribed to Marc Beaudreau's signature. The slash mark indicates Robert Shepard is signing on behalf of SWO, but what TC Motion authorizes Marc Beaudreau to sign on behalf of SWO.
12-10-14: Quit Claim Deed; Concerns that should have been addressed: (1) Again! TC ignores its fiduciary responsibility (trust obligations) to SWO membership. (2) TC completely disregards best business practices established by using RPC. The Quit Claim Deed process allows the seller (Marc Beaudreau) to avoid responsibilities to encumbrances The Quit Claim Deed process does NOT allow the property to be placed into trust status.
12-18-14: Hearing; held by Sisseton City Council at 7:15 pm according to minutes kept, a number of valid issues were brought up and listed as follows, "loitering on property, use of alcohol and drugs in and outside of property, general safety of individuals staying at facility as well as public, use of facility by sex offenders, liability insurance, lack of 24 hour staffing, whether it will be a warming shelter open in winter months only or year round facility, unknown living conditions of home, general presentation of facility to community, failure to communicate with law enforcement on house rules, plans to enforce house rules and consequences for breaking house rules, failure to provide plan for facility." These same concerns should have been addressed by TC in keeping their fiduciary





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Healthy Habits for Family members during early recovery

One
 One of the most important parts of the recovery process is therapy; talking openly and honestly about your feelings has a way of lifting thousands of pounds of pressure off your shoulders. While your family member is still in rehab, it's important for you to attend his/her family therapy sessions and play an active part. Once home, they will want to feel understood and empowered; on the other hand, you'll want to know they understands what's expected of them. The thing is...nobody's a mind reader. If no one talks about what they want or you tip-toe around the house rules, there's bound to be a breakdown. Use your time in family therapy sessions to iron these things out. In the end, you'll all benefit from it.
 If no one talks about what they want or you tip-toe around the house rules, there's bound to be a breakdown.

Two
 Though it can feel like a safety net, falling back into old family patterns is a huge no-no. Truth is, if the old patterns were so good, then things wouldn't have fallen apart in the first place. Whether you spent time making excuses for your family member's substance abuse or searching for reasons to point out their flaws, it's imperative to fight the urge to return to those behaviors.

Whether you gain new insights during family counseling, personal one-on-one therapy or self-help books, everyone must be open to new ways of living. And it's not a family punishment that has been levied as a result of drug use; it's an opportunity to have better – and much healthier – relationships with one another.

Three
 To say that you're no help to anyone else unless you're taking care of yourself is an understatement. Spending all your time worried about "what ifs" is a great way to drive yourself in the ground. The stress from this kind of negative thinking is unhealthy and all-consuming. Give yourself permission to take care of your own needs first; it's not a selfish act to protect your health and sanity, you know? Take time to do things you enjoy, whether that's getting a massage, working out or having dinner with friends.
 ...it's not a selfish act to protect your health and sanity, you know?

Four
 Without a doubt, addiction is one of the most selfish diseases on the face of the earth. There's no doubt your family member did some things that made you angry or cut you to the core. They certainly aware of that now that they are sober...and able to see what a terrible impact their addiction has had on the whole family. The great thing about family is that there's an unbreakable bond amongst all of you, despite what's happened in the past. Don't let feelings of blind anger get in the way of forgiveness. And don't confuse forgiveness with excusing past behaviors.

But now that he/she is sober, that doesn't mean you're automatically expected to reinstate your full trust in them.

Five
 Addiction leads people to do things they never would have dreamed of doing beforehand. Your trust has likely been broken, thanks to your loved one's active addiction. But now that they are sober, that doesn't mean you're automatically expected to reinstate your full trust in them. And that's something they have been prepared for during her time in rehab. As you see him/her working at home to regain the family trust, compliment their achievements and let them know that what they are doing is helping to rebuild that lost trust. Talk with them about their goals and future plans, that way everyone understands where they stand and where they hope to be in the future.

Six
 The idea of an emotional bank account was created by author Stephen R. Covey and included in his book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. In a nutshell, the concept is that each time a family member does or says something that is caring or positive, you make a deposit. Naturally, if something negative or hateful takes place, you make a withdrawal. According to Covey, it's essential to recognize this is a process. It'll take time to build up the family bank account and see "numbers" that are in the black. The whole family must be patient with one another; an emotional bank account is one creative way to install "think before you speak" behaviors

Seven
 When your loved one was actively abusing drugs, the family unit paid the price for their disease. Memories of childhood or holiday gatherings from decades ago might have been the only things that brought back feelings of love for him/her; or maybe those old memories brought up feelings of great sadness, as if you'd lost them forever. Now that he/she is sober, it's time to build some new family memories. You don't have to get extravagant; after all, it's the little things that mean the most in the end. Maybe the whole family could cook dinner together one night a week, or how about making a great big breakfast on Saturday mornings? If your family loves to travel, plan a weekend getaway to a spot that none of you have been before.

Now is the time to build some new family memories. Making new memories will bring the family closer and help to remind everyone just how precious life – and the love of family – truly is.

Making Memories Ideas! ☺

Weekend Brunch

Family night once a week doing something the family enjoys or try something new!

Plant a garden, plant flowers, paint something or build something

Volunteer together for a worthy cause or at a community event!

Picnic, fishing, walk, or even a sewing or beading project

Start a bedtime ritual of "good night I love you", I love you, see you in the morning", if your children are little, even a funny bedtime ritual, my child and I do; Parent: "Good Night sleep tight, don't let the bedbugs bite!" Child: "and if they do?" Parent: "And if they do, take off your shoe and beat them till they are black and blue", children think its hilarious.

VA Town Hall in Sioux Falls

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Dakotas Regional Office and Sioux Falls Health Care System are hosting a town hall for Veterans, family members, Veterans Service Organization representatives, and the public to provide feedback and recommendations about VA operations and VA programs.

When: June 18, 2015, 5:00 p.m.
 Where: Sioux Falls VA Health Care System, 4th floor auditorium, 2501 W. 22nd Street, Sioux Falls, SD.
 For VA leadership to hear your feedback, thoughts, and concerns, to answer questions about VA benefit and

Coming together to fight Trafficking

By Rep. Kristi Noem
 May 22, 2015

In February 2013, South Dakota law enforcement placed undercover ads on the webpage Backpage.com targeting folks in the Watertown area. They weren't pretending to sell illegal drugs; they were pretending to sell people – young girls to be specific. Over the course of two days, more than 100 individuals responded to the ad – many of whom were hoping to buy these young women for sex. Similar operations were conducted in Rapid City and during the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and all had similar results.

Many times, when folks think of sex trafficking, they picture scenes from urban areas or in foreign countries. But the reality is it's happening here. Young girls – often being recruited between 12 and 14 years old – are bought and sold for sex in small towns and larger communities. They're being forced to have sex upwards of 50 times per day, according to the Polaris Project – a leader in the movement to end trafficking. And their pimps are working to get them hooked on drugs and alcohol, only deepening the young woman's dependence on the trafficker.

In some cases, trafficking victims are brought through South Dakota from bigger cities and sent to North Dakota's oil fields. In other cases, they're being recruited at local schools, online, or in Indian Country to be sold at large events, like the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. In many – if not most – cases, they are being recruited in South Dakota and sold in South Dakota. It has to stop.

For the last few years, I've been working with shelters and advocates in South Dakota who have helped victims escape and survivors heal. With their experiences and needs in mind, I was able to draft legislation – while also helping move forward additional bills others had written – that aim to better combat this criminal industry. On May 19, we earned a significant

Bipartisan Bill to help identify, protect Human Trafficking victims

Washington, DC – May 21, 2015 – U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp (D-ND) and U.S. Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) today introduced bipartisan legislation to give health care providers – including doctors, nurses, and social workers – training to help identify and protect victims of human trafficking.

Heitkamp and Collins are working to give health providers across the country needed training on how to recognize, report, and potentially intervene when they see patients who are possible human trafficking victims. Recent studies suggest that nearly one-third of women trafficked in America saw a health care professional while they were still captive to these crimes. The Senators' bill would expand on an existing pilot program to help provide training to a specific group of workers who are more likely to come across potential victims of human trafficking and help make sure the victims get the support they need. Across the country, approximately 400,000 domestic minors are involved in human trafficking – 80 percent of these victims are female.

Heitkamp and Collins' Stop, Observe, Ask and Respond (SOAR) to Health and Wellness Act strengthens and expands an existing U.S. Health and Human Services pilot program that since September

VA health care, and to share information. New for this town hall, is a benefits clinic from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. During this benefits clinic, VA representatives will be available to receive your claims for compensation benefits. VA will have secure electronic access to your benefit records and can answer your questions about your compensation claim. In addition, VA Business Office staff will also be present to answer questions about VA eligibility, non-VA Care, and the Veterans' Choice Act.
 The meeting is open to the public and the media.

victory. The broadly bipartisan Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act, S.178, passed the U.S. House of Representatives, meaning the bill is now headed straight to the President's desk.
 I was privileged to have language I wrote included in this larger package. My portion of the legislation accomplishes three things. First, it improves some existing federal grants to ensure they support shelters wanting to provide a place for trafficking survivors. Today, there are just 200 beds available in the country for underage victims, so this is an important expansion. My language also launches a review that will look into federal and state trafficking prevention activities to help identify and develop the best prevention practices. Finally, it requires an inventory of existing federal anti-trafficking efforts to ensure that the money we're spending is working for victims.

In addition to the portion that I wrote, S.178 aims to stop websites, like Backpage.com, that are known to facilitate the buying and selling of our children for sex. It establishes grant programs to help teach medical professionals how to identify victims of trafficking, as they are often one of the first lines of defense when it comes to identifying a trafficking victim. And it helps improve law enforcement task forces to combat this terrible crime. All in all, it amounts to one of the largest anti-trafficking packages passed in nearly a decade.

There is still more to do. Building awareness remains a huge challenge, but it's a challenge each of you can help us overcome. I encourage you to learn more about the red flags so you can identify them if someone you know is at risk. The Polaris Project website, found at www.PolarisProject.org, is one resource.
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2014 has trained health care providers to help identify and protect victims of human trafficking at six sites in five states across the country – including in New Town and Williston in North Dakota where nearly 60 health professionals have been trained. The bill will build off the pilot program to give more health care and related professionals across the country get the training by developing a national program for quality training; making sure these training efforts are adaptable, effective, and responsive to the needs of victims; and tracking these efforts nationally – so the programs can

continue to develop and improve to best serve more victims and survivors of human trafficking.
 "Human trafficking is modern day slavery plain and simple, and is one of the most horrific and widespread crimes in our nation. Health providers are often some of the only people victims may see while they are in captivity, but too often nurses and doctors aren't sure how to identify or help victims. But we can change that," said Heitkamp. "Our bipartisan bill would build on a pilot program that has been implemented in Williston and New Town, and expand and strengthen it on a national level so more health providers can get needed training to better identify victims and connect them with resources. Over the

bypassing policy and procedures and bypassing RPC. It is also alleged that the property had over a \$1,100.00 unpaid utility bill when sold to the tribe.

More Recent Letter from Scott Currence - CAA, Director of Equalization - Roberts County South Dakota: The letter states that the current 2015 assessed value of the property will be \$17,980.00 due to the property being sold in a private sale and not offered to the public market and the minor repairs made by the previous owner did not increase the value. Marc Beaudreau benefited by using his position on TC to circumvent the authorized policies in selling his personal dilapidated property. This covert deal by Tribal Clowncil is a prime example why their meetings need to be broadcasted to all SWO members over the radio station and not hidden from the public.
 With diminishing respect for TC, Francis M. Simon, SWO member.

past year and a half, I have brought Homeland Security officials to North Dakota to train law enforcement, community leaders, and women leaders about human trafficking – and through this program, we can make sure our health providers on the front lines are also trained. Senator Collins and I are working to make sure this type of training isn't just limited to a few towns – but is readily and widely available to all health care and related providers as part of our national effort to combat the proliferation of human trafficking so we can permanently eradicate these crimes.”

“No state in America is immune from the evils of sex trafficking. Human traffickers prey upon the most vulnerable, often homeless or runaway children. Identification is the first, and frequently missed, step in helping victims and stopping these atrocities,” said Senator Collins. “This bipartisan legislation would bolster the current success of the U.S. Health and Human Services pilot program by expanding it and greatly increasing the number of our healthcare providers who will have the training to shine a light on some of the darkest stories imaginable and protect victims of these heinous crimes.”

“Domestic violence, human trafficking and sexual abuse are significant problems in our country and especially our state. We are seeing increasing numbers of these issues in places we call home. I was able to attend the recent training hosted by Mercy Medical Center in Williston through HHS. The goal was to help bring awareness to the nature of the issue, as well as to the fact that it exists in our region, and train us on how work with potential victims. Programs like this are essential for us to fight back against the fallout of these crimes,” said Heidi Grondahl, Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner at the Mercy Women’s Health Clinic who received the pilot program training in Williston. “Sen. Heitkamp’s bill will help expand on the training I received so more health providers across North Dakota and the U.S. get similar resources to better support victims. We need to protect our men, women and children from all of these issues, and can no longer afford to say it doesn’t happen in our backyard. Without this type of program, awareness will be hard to spread to the many individuals who can benefit from increased knowledge of the signs and symptoms of abuse. By becoming more proactive instead of reactive, we will be more equipped to help those in need.”

“Protecting our tribal community on MHA Nation through the proper health care is our mission at Elbowoods Memorial Health Center,” said Kathy Eagle, CEO of Elbowoods Memorial Health Center, the site of the pilot program training in New Town. “And making sure our medical staff is prepared to provide the right care for individuals who have been victimized by human trafficking is no small task – and requires a full understanding of how to identify possible victims, and

knowing how to connect them with the best possible services and resources. In September, almost 30 of our health professionals were trained to do just that – making our staff stronger and better prepared to face new challenges in our community. We support Senator Heitkamp’s effort to enhance and broaden this training across our nation, so that together, health facilities can be as responsive as possible to victims of these vicious crimes.”

“Ensuring health care professionals are adequately trained to identify and support victims of human trafficking is critical to stopping this abuse,” said Keeli Sorenson, Director of Government Affairs and Public Policy at Polaris. “The bill sponsored by Senators Heitkamp and Collins will extend the important work of the HHS’s program to ensure that nurses, doctors, and others get comprehensive training to help those most in need.”

Heitkamp and Collins’ SOAR Act would work to prepare medical professionals to identify, properly treat, and aid victims of human trafficking by:

- Engaging Health Care Professionals to Provide Responsive Care: The bill would help guide health care professionals to identify human trafficking victims, empower and refer victims and survivors by helping them communicate with law enforcement or access social and victims’ services, and provide care that is sensitive to the age, gender, or culture of the victim, as well as to circumstance and potential trauma they may have experienced.

- Bringing All Sides Together: The bill would collectively engage victims, survivors, advocates as well as federal, state, local or tribal partners by making sure all sides are communicating effectively on collective and flexible training that accommodates the needs of specific communities.

- Developing a National Strategy: The bill would work to provide a nationwide protocol for health care training to make sure that medical professionals have the opportunity to access the technical assistance and education they need to prepare for and respond to instances of human trafficking.

- Tracking the Progress: The bill would implement required reporting and data on the facilities and providers using the training to combat human trafficking.

Heitkamp and Collins have both long worked to combat human trafficking. Just last month, Heitkamp and Collins helped pass the Justice for Victims of Human Trafficking Act – bipartisan, compromise legislation that provides greater assistance to victims of human trafficking, increased resources to law enforcement and victims services organizations, and secures greater punishments for perpetrators of these horrific crimes.

Shell gets approval to drill in the Arctic

By Alanna Petroff
CNN Money – May 12, 2015 – Shell has finally won approval to drill for oil in the Arctic, overcoming years of setbacks and fierce opposition from environmental campaigners.

The U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management gave Shell’s controversial exploration plans the green light on Monday, with strings attached.

The oil giant will need a few more approvals from other organizations, including the U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.

The U.S. regulator said it had considered “significant environmental, social and ecological resources in the region” in assessing Royal Dutch Shell (RDSA)’s proposal.

The oil exploration and drilling project is set to take place in the Chukchi Sea, which lies between Alaska and Russia.

Related: Lego ditches Shell partnership after Arctic oil protests

Shell has been trying to move into the region since at least 2009. Environmental groups warned the risks were as great as ever.

“Instead of holding Shell accountable and moving the country towards a sustainable future, our federal regulators are catering to an ill-prepared company in a region that doesn’t tolerate cutting corners,” said Greenpeace senior research specialist Tim Donaghy. “[This] could lead to a disaster in the Arctic.”

Greenpeace has been vocal about its opposition to Arctic oil exploration. Late last year, the organization successfully pressured



be on your radar
Shane Tomlinson, an energy expert at the Royal Institute of International Affairs, said Shell would have to tread carefully as it moves forward with its Arctic plan, not least because low oil prices may mean a low return on its

investment.
Oil prices are trading around \$60.50 per barrel, down from over \$100 a barrel last summer.
Shares in Shell fell by about 1.3% in London on Tuesday.

But they were still performing better than the overall market, which was off by about 1.6% at midday.
--CNN’s Chris Liakos contributed to this report.

(Editor’s note: We are hoping that the U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement will find

fault with this unnecessary, perhaps even unprofitable and obviously dangerous drilling in Arctic waters. Also we are gratified to see the strong protests being staged against Shell on our Northwest coast!)

USDA invests \$6.5 million to help conserve Water, improve Water Quality in Ogallala Aquifer region

Washington, DC – May 14, 2015 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$6.5 million in the Ogallala Aquifer region this year to help farmers and ranchers conserve billions of gallons of water and improve water quality. Funding will be targeted to seven priority areas to support their primary water source and strengthen rural economies.

“This funding assists conservationists and agricultural producers in planning and implementing conservation practices that conserve water and improve water quality,” said Vilsack. “This work not only expands the viability of the Ogallala Aquifer but also helps producers across the Great Plains strengthen their agricultural operations.”

Underlying the Great Plains in eight states, the Ogallala supports nearly one-fifth of the wheat, corn, cotton and cattle produced in the United States. It has long been the main water supply for the High Plains’ population and is being depleted at an unsustainable rate. The reservoir was created more than a million years ago through geologic action and covers about 174,000 square miles; mainly in Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas (also known as the High Plains). The aquifer also covers part of South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado, and New Mexico.

Through the Ogallala Aquifer Initiative (OAI), USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is directing funding in fiscal 2015 to support targeted, local efforts to improve the quality and availability of this vital water supply. This year’s work is planned in seven priority areas in five states and will continue for up to four years. It will conserve billions of gallons of water per year, extending the viability of the aquifer for multiple uses. This conservation investment builds on \$66 million that NRCS has invested through OAI since 2011, which helped farmers and ranchers conserve water on more than 325,000 acres. The Secretary noted that much of the funding invested by USDA has been matched or supplemented by individual producers.

The fiscal 2015 priority areas include:
Northern High Plains ground water basin in Colorado: NRCS will focus on helping producers

Legislation to increase EPA Transparency

Washington, DC – May 20, 2015 – U.S. Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.) today introduced the Real EPA Impact Reviews (REPAIR) Act, which would help facilitate a more transparent EPA regulatory impact analyses (RIA) process by requiring the EPA to include a scenario in each of its RIAs that does not contain additional proposed regulations.

“This is about transparency and accountability,” said Thune. “It’s important for Congress and the American people to have a full understanding of the impact proposed regulations may have. While including proposed regulations can be important for forecasting the future regulatory landscape, isolating a proposal’s impact without the influence of other proposed regulations will provide a clearer analysis of the proposal’s immediate impact.”

The REPAIR Act was inspired

by the EPA’s draft RIA for lowering the National Ambient Air Quality Standard ground-level ozone, which was released on November 25, 2014. The RIA assumed that that numerous other regulations would be fully implemented, despite the possibility that these regulations may have been subject to delay, modification, or dismissal prior to finalization. The RIA also included in its baseline that the existing ozone standard would be fully implemented, despite the fact that 227 countries had yet to meet the existing standard. Such inclusions likely caused the RIA to significantly underestimate the true cost of a lower ozone standard.

Sens. Thune and Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) sent a letter in February to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy calling on the agency to explain why the RIA to lower ground-level ozone standards doesn’t align with a similar EPA proposal

install new technologies on irrigated operations to more efficiently use water. These technologies include weather stations, sensors and telemetry for soil moisture and nutrients and advanced irrigation systems. Water and conservation districts are also developing incentive programs for producers. This conservation work will conserve 2.1 billion gallons of water over four years. Priority areas in Kansas: NRCS will work with producers to reconvert irrigated cropland to dryland farming in high priority areas. The state identified these areas in the Kansas Water Plan as Priority Ground Water Decline and Quick Response Areas, meaning they are the ones most in need and where conservation can have the biggest impact on recharging the aquifer. The conservation work will conserve 1.8 billion gallons of water over four years. Priority areas in eastern New Mexico: NRCS will work with producers to convert irrigated cropland to dryland cropping systems and restore grasslands. NRCS will work with producers to reduce pumping on 1,190 acres each year over four years. This conservation work will conserve 1.56 billion gallons of water over four years, helping ensure water for agricultural lands, cities like Clovis and Portales, N.M. and Cannon Air Force Base.

“Water is a precious resource, and the Ogallala Aquifer Initiative helps our farmers and ranchers use it wisely,” NRCS Chief Jason Weller. “This is especially important in a place like the Ogallala, where drought conditions have prevailed in recent years. We know we can’t change the weather, but we can help producers be ready for it.”

Many western states were affected by a historic drought earlier in the decade, and that drought continues in areas including California and the southwest. NRCS works with producers to provide innovative, field-based conservation technologies and approaches, leading to improvements like enhancing soil’s ability to hold water, evaluating irrigation water use and installing grazing systems that are more tolerant to drought.

For more on technical and financial assistance available through conservation programs, visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/GetStarted or a local USDA service center.

from 2011. Thune and Inhofe’s letter requested the EPA provide analysis that didn’t include co-benefits of reducing other emissions or include in its calculations any other proposed regulation.

In March, Thune reintroduced the bipartisan Clean Air, Strong Economies (CASE) Act (S. 751) with Senator Joe Manchin (D-W. Va.), which would stem the economic harm from a lower ground-level ozone standard by requiring the EPA to focus on the worst areas for air quality before lowering the standard across the country. This bill has 24 cosponsors.

(Editor’s note: We agree with our Senator John Thune on the need for transparency of the EPA; however, we do not support his continuing call for relaxing standards to benefit energy corporations and ignoring environmental degradation.)



Think its impossible to run a 5k?
The Diabetes and Fitness Center wants to help you conquer your first 5K!!!
Who is eligible? Everyone that has a current membership at SWO Diabetes and Fitness Center.
May be done as a group with the class (Please see schedule) Or you can work on it on your own at the fitness center.

Besides getting the satisfaction of doing a 5k we are also offering an incentive program.
Weekly Incentive: \$20 Gift Card for completing all required activity.
Monthly Incentive: \$50 Gift Card for completing all required activity.
Program Incentive: \$50 Gift Card for completing entire Program.
5k Participation Incentive: \$100 Gift Card.



Questions please call 605-698-3922.

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Statement by the President on the 50th anniversary of Head Start



have benefited from its early learning and development programs. They've recited their numbers and ABCs, raced around playgrounds, and learned thousands of new words. On this 50th anniversary, our challenge is to make Head Start even stronger, and to help more children and family benefit from its good work. My

Washington, DC – May 18, 2015 – For millions of families, Head Start has been a lifeline. And for millions of kids, it's been the start of a better life. Over the past half century, 32 million children

Administration has increased access to Head Start programs, and we've launched a new partnership with child care centers to reach tens of thousands more infants and toddlers. Plus, a growing number of states and cities are taking steps to boost access to quality preschool. Now we need Congress to give Head Start the resources to reach more eligible kids. And we need leaders at every level – including in our states and communities – to support Head Start, because early childhood education is one of the smartest investments we can make to keep America strong and competitive in the 21st century.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of Head Start over the past 50 years. Now, let's make sure we keep serving families for the next 50 years – and beyond. Because here in America, every child – no matter what they look like, where they come from, or who they are – deserves to get a head start in life.

Barack Obama.

Enemy Swim Day School FACE graduation highlights



ESDS FACE graduation was on May 15. This year Mrs. Brenda and Ms. Nita Rae graduated 9 students. Danny and the boys provided and honor song for the graduation.



The graduates of ESDS FACE 2015.



Danny Seaboy and the boys around the drum.

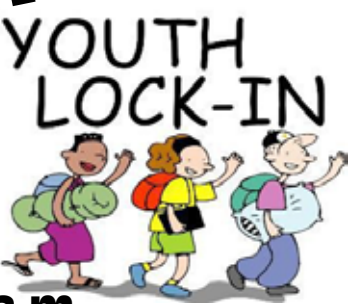


Mrs. Brenda and Ms. Nita Rae serving cake to ESDS students.



Storytelling with Mrs. Brenda.

HEIPA-VEBLEN Youth Lock-In



Saturday-Sunday
June 13 3 p.m.-June 14 10 a.m.
Movies, Snacks, Smores, Games
District Center

8-18 Years Old (Parents must pick child up Sunday June 14th NO LATER than 10AM)
8 Years and Under MUST be accompanied by an Adult
***Please Bring- Sleeping Bag, Blankets, Pillows
***Tent is optional
Hope to see you there! Questions call the District Center at 605-738-2324.

FACE GRADUATION 2015

When I grow up I want to...

 Kelynn Jo Louise Beisch	Program	 Wetu Manning-Peters
 Feather Jae Campbell	Processional-"Over the Rainbow"	 James Ryan Miller
 LilyAnne Marie Eagle	Story telling by Brenda	 Todd Renaldo Lyons Jr.
 Kinyanku Reuben Riley Gonsalves	Song by the students	 Trace Leon Lewandowski
	"One Small Voice"	
	Diploma's	
	Recognition of Parents	
	Honor song by Danny and the boys	
		 Mattison Joy Keoke

ESDS Summer Food Service Program schedule

The Enemy Swim Day School announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service Program, Meals will be served to all children 2 yrs. (must be with adult) thru 18 yrs. of age and under at no charge.

Children do NOT have to be enrolled in the ESDS summer program or regular school year at ESDS in order to eat breakfast and lunch.

Feel free to come join us for meals only!

Site Name: Enemy Swim Day School
13525 446th Ave.
Waubay, SD 57273-5715
Dates of Operation: June 21, 2015 to June 25, 2015 and July 6, 2015 to July 16, 2015
Meal Service Times:
Breakfast: - 8:00 am to 8:30 am
Lunch - 11:45 am to 12:30 pm
Days Served: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.

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Sisseton Middle School 3rd & 4th quarter awards

Middle School students were awarded for their hard work and success in the classroom and in spring athletics on Friday, May 15, 2015. Congratulations to all our Middle School students for your continued success!

8th Grade Outstanding Student/American Legion Award
Runner-Up, Boy - Nate Nielsen
Runner-Up, Girl - Madison
Fisher Outstanding Boy - Richard Albright, Jr. Outstanding Girl - Courtney Heath

Student Council: Jalen Agnew, Ricky Albright, Corbin Cornelius,

Courtney Heath, Kelsey Heath, Elise Heesch, Kellie Karst, Libby Medenwald, Alexis Metz, and Ty Peterson

Citizenship Award: 6th Grade: Kaycee Barse, Teagon Bellonger, Anthony Benda, Emma Dahl, Xavier Donnell, Tessa Dykstra, Douglas Ellingson, Ashton Flute, Guadalupe Fuentes, Ryan Gregg, Isaiah Harrison, Kelsey Heath, Kendrick Hofland, Kylie Karst, Andrew Kranhold, Anne Meland, Alexis Metz, Blake Nielsen, Madisyn Pistorius, Kierra Silk, Anthony Tchida, Maleena Stone, and Emma

Notice

Heipa Youth Meeting
Monday, June 1st
Anderson Park 5 PM

JOHNNY'S GYM

WARRIOR YOUTH AGILITY TRAINING

Improving strength, agility, balance and coordination.
Begins June 1st Monday-Friday 10am sharp!
3rd-6th grade
Cost: \$100

WARRIOR ATHLETE TRAINING

Bigger, Faster, Stronger.
Begins June 1st, Monday-Friday at 6:30 sharp!
Grades 7th-college
Cost: \$100

Don't leave your child on their behind!

Gala honors Founders, Jim Belushi stresses importance of Education

Denver, Colo. – May 15, 2015 – The American Indian College Fund (the College Fund) celebrated its 25th Gala in Chicago, Illinois at the historic Drake Hotel. Two hundred attendees gathered to honor two of its founders at the event to benefit its mission to provide Native Americans with access to higher education.

The honorees included:
Dr. Gerald Gipp - An enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (Hunkpapa Lakota), Gipp devoted his career to American Indian education. He first served as a teacher, athletic coach, and school administrator in K-12 school systems in North Dakota, Montana, and South Dakota. He went on to work in higher education at Pennsylvania State University and Haskell Junior College, where he served as President where he created the Haskell Foundation and helped the tribal college get recognition from the American Indian Higher Education Consortium. He continued his career in the policy realm as Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Indian Education (OIE) in the Department of Education under the Carter administration; Branch Chief for Research and Evaluation for the Office of Indian Education Programs at the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Director for West Division for Program Operations for the Administration for Native Americans with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); Executive Director of the Intra-Departmental Council for Native American Affairs (IDCNAA) within HHS; and the National Science Foundation. Gipp was the Executive Director of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium from 2001-2008 and interim Executive Director of the National Indian Education Association on two occasions.

Jim Shanley - As one of the first members of the Fort Peck Tribe in Montana to earn a college degree, Jim Shanley helped blaze a trail at a time when little support existed for Indian college students. After serving a year in the military in Vietnam, he returned

to school to complete his undergraduate degree. He continued to eventually earn his Doctorate in Education Administration from the University of North Dakota. Interspersed throughout his pursuit of education, Jim tirelessly championed the work of the tribal colleges and is one of the founders of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC). Several years after he earned his doctorate, he returned home to Poplar, Montana to lead Fort Peck Community College (FPCC), where he remained for the next 28 years. When he began his tenure, the tribal college consisted of one building, three degree programs, and 65 students. It was not yet accredited, nor was it even a candidate for accreditation. Funding was tight, and few community members understood the value of a college education. Today, the college has an average enrollment of 430 students, a growing campus, and offers a wide array of two-year programs.

In addition to honoring the College Fund’s founders, attendees enjoyed a silent auction featuring original and unique Native American art work and jewelry. The evening’s program was emceed by NBC5 television reporter LeeAnn Trotter and featured an appearance by student ambassador Miranda Perez (Menominee), who is attending the College of Menominee Nation in Wisconsin and plans to become a medical doctor.

Jim Belushi & The Sacred Hearts provided headline entertainment, and as part of the program, the College Fund held a live auction for the opportunity to perform “Soul Man” with the band. Mr. Belushi spoke with the College Fund about his own support of higher education and the role it had in his life. He said, “Education is everything. Everything. As an actor I was exposed to great teachers and professionals who guided me not only as an artist but also as a young man. They were beautiful people, they were mentors. They separated me from whom I thought I was to whom I



Student ambassador Miranda Perez (Menominee), who is attending the College of Menominee Nation in Wisconsin.



From left: Dr. Elmer Guy, Chair of American Indian College Fund Board of Trustees; Honoree Dr. Gerald Gipp; American Indian College Fund President Dr. Cheryl Crazy Bull; Dr. Jim Shanley, and Dr. Cynthia Lindquist, First Vice Chair, American Indian College Fund Board of Trustees.

could be.” Mr. Belushi, whose ancestors in Albania lived as peasants, said, “A college education was the most important thing I have done for my life and career. It put me in a competitive realm in America, and today college is even more important. The playing field is so competitive.”

Mr. Belushi added, “My advice to economically disadvantaged young people is there are opportunities right in front of you. It doesn’t cost anything to get experience. There are many programs out there including this very organization, the American Indian College Fund, to get you in the door, but you have to open the door. It can’t be done for you, you have to find the opportunities, you have to want it... Just get in the door to college and you may find someone or they may find you, but that magic can’t happen if you don’t take the risk. Just do it.”

Sponsors for the College Fund’s 25th Anniversary

and this event include the Toyota Motor Sales; USA, Inc.; Comcast NBCUNIVERSAL; Wieden+Kennedy; Ford Foundation; San Manuel Band of Mission Indians; The Walt Disney Company; AT&T; The Walton Family Foundation.

About the American Indian College Fund
The American Indian College Fund (the College Fund) is the nation’s largest private provider of scholarships for American Indian students. Founded in 1989, the College Fund has been “Educating the Mind and Spirit” of Native people for 25 years and provides an average of 6,000 scholarships annually. The College Fund also supports the nation’s 34 accredited tribal colleges and universities located on or near Indian reservations. The College Fund consistently receives top ratings from independent charity evaluators. For more information, please visit www.collegefund.org.

Sisseton School Board elections

A candidate forum will be held Tuesday, June 2 from 7:00-8:00 in the Sisseton High School Performing Arts Center.

The Sisseton Education association will be hosting the event. The community is invited to some listen to the candidates for school board answer questions concerning their position on topics hot to the district. The forum will be a mixture of preset questions and questions from the audience. Please attend and learn more about the candidates.

Election are June 16. Candidates are LeRoy Hellwig, Sean Lehrke, Sarah Lincoln, Billy Rice, Jake Schaanaman, and Dean Shultz.

Rae Young
7th Grade: Daniel Albright, Danae Azure, Alex Beaudreau, Katelyn Beaudreau, Cameron Bochar, Shauna Breece, Tyler Ceroll, Corbin Cornelius, Jalina Erdrich, Jaylona Hull, Pete Jensen, Joshua Johnson, Kellie Karst, Alannah Lawrence, Matthew Moen, Parker Nieland, Savannah Sahnaw, Wyatt Syverson and Martina Weyand
8th Grade: Ricky Albright, Austin Backman, Courtney Benda, Madison Fisher, Reece Hanson, Courtney Heath, Elise Heesch, Vincent Herberg, Noah Hill, Angela Howell, Levi Leiseth, Libby Medenwald, and Nate Nielsen
Perfect Attendance 3rd Quarter: Alexander Beaudreau, Alanna Brant, Shauna Breece, Elise Heesch, Vincent Herberg, Kellie Karst, Brandon Keller, Alannah Lawrence, Libby Medenwald, Matthew Moen, Adam Nelson, Taylor RedHorse, and Wyatt Syverson
Perfect Attendance 4th Quarter: Daniel Albright, Kaycee Barse, Alex Beaudreau, Alanna Brant, Shauna Breece, Jalina Erdrich, Isaiah Harrison, Elise Heesch, Vincent Herberg, Noah Hill, Kendrick Hofland, Kylie Karst, Brandon Keller, Libby Medenwald, Anne Meland, Matthew Moen, Taylor RedHorse, and Elisha

Sanchez
Perfect Attendance Year- Alex Beaudreau, Shauna Breece, and Elise Heesch, Libby Medenwald Perfect Attendance 3 Years- Elise Heesch
A” Honor Roll 3rd Quarter: 6th Grade: Tessa Dykstra, Levi Greseth, Kelsey Heath, Andrew Kranhold, Anne Meland, Alexis Metz, Blake Nielsen, Madisyn Pistorius, Kierra Silk, and Anthony Tchida,
7th Grade: Daniel Albright, Ramsey Heinecke, Jalona Hull, Kellie Karst, and Alannah Lawrence
8th Grade: Richard Albright, Reese Hanson, Courtney Heath, Elise Heesch, and Vincent Herberg
A” Honor Roll 4th Quarter: 6th Grade: Kaycee Barse, Tessa Dykstra, Emma Ellis, Amelia Garman, Levi Greseth, Kelsey Heath, Andrew Kranhold, Anne Meland, Alexis Metz, Blake Nielsen, Madisyn Pistorius, Kierra Silk, and Anthony Tchida
7th Grade: Daniel Albright, Alex Beaudreau, Ayianna Chanku, Ramsey Heinecke, Jaylona Hull, Kellie Karst, Alannah Lawrence, Challenge Meng, Matthew Moen, and Ty Peterson
8th Grade: Jalen Agnew, Richard Albright, Courtney Benda, Reece Hanson, Elise Heesch, Vincent Herberg, and Nate Nielsen
ART: 6th Grade- Maddie

Pistorius, 7th Grade- Martina Weyand, and 8th Grade- Jalen Agnew
BAND: 6th Grade-Teagan Bellonger, 7th Grade-Daniel Albright, Trevor Anderson, and Kaiya Cordell, 8th Grade- Ricky Albright
JAZZ BAND: Daniel Albright, Ricky Albright, Shauna Breece and Dahndre Jensen
STUDENTS LETTERING IN BAND: Ricky Albright, Madison Fisher, Abel Flute, and Brennan Robertson
HISTORY: 6th Grade- Kelsey Heath, 7th Grade- Daniel Albright, 8th Grade- Courtney Heath
LANGUAGE ARTS: DeGreeff/ Noehre: 6th Grade- Teagan Bellonger, 7th Grade- Daniel Albright, and 8th Grade- Ricky Albright Metz/Groos: 6th Grade- Emma Ellis, 7th Grade- Kellie Karst, and 8th Grade- Vincent Herberg
MATH: 6th Grade- Blake Neilsen 7th Grade- Alannah Lawrence, 8th Grade- Elise Heesch
SCIENCE: 6th Grade-Anne Meland, 7th Grade- Matthew Moen, 8th Grade- Reece Hanson
SCIENCE FAIR: TEAM 1st Place Jalen Agnew and Courtney Heath “GUM CHEWING”
2nd Place Vincent Herberg and Kacen Huber “MOLDY CHEESE”
3rd Place Brennan Robertson and Kayla Nelson “STAIN BE GONE”
4th Place Reece Hanson and Dane Christopherson “FIREWORK EXPERIMENT”
5th Place Rylee Rogalski and Libby Medenwald “FIZZ

EXPLOSION”
INDIVIDUAL
1st Place Elise Heesch “GOT ‘C’ “
2nd Place Nate Nielson
“GOLF BALL DISTANCE”
3rd Place Braimen Steen
“FLAMING CANDLE”
4th Place Aiyana Englund
“ONIONS WITH A SIDE OF CRIES”
5th Place - Austin Backman
“ICE MELTING”
ORAL INTERP: 6th Grade: Kelsey Heath and Alexis Metz 7th Grade: Shauna Breece, Ramsey Heinecke, and Matthew Moen 8th Grade: Ricky Albright and Elise Heesch
BOYS BASKETBALL 7th Grade 8th Grade MVP: TY Peterson MVP: Reece Hanson Most Improved: Trevor Anderson Most Improved: Levi Leiseth REDMEN Pride: Corbin Cornelius REDMEN Pride: Kacen Huber
TRACK 7th Grade Girls 7th Grade Boys MVP: Serena Anderson MVP: Trevor Anderson Most Improved: Lexus Redthunder Most Improved: Ty St. John REDMEN Pride: Brendalyn Barse
REDMEN Pride: Pete Jensen 8th Grade Girls 8th Grade Boys MVP: Libby Medenwald MVP: Jhett Prins Most Improved: Jalen Agnew Most Improved: Jaylyn Brant REDMEN Pride: Elise Heesch REDMEN Pride: Dane Christopherson
WRESTLING MVP: Keenan Pikarski (Browns Valley) Most Improved: Vincent

Herberg REDMEN Pride: Dane Christopherson
GIRLS GOLF 6th Grade 7th Grade MVP: Kelsey Heath MVP: Kaitlyn Fisher Most Improved: Maleena Stone 8th Grade REDMEN Pride: Kierra Silk MVP: Courtney Heath GYMNASTICS 6th Grade 7th Grade MVP: Emma Dahl MVP: Jacinda Redday Most Improved: Anne Meland Most Improved: Shauna Breece REDMEN Pride: Alexis Metz REDMEN Pride: Serena Anderson 8th Grade MVP: Jalen Agnew Most Improved: Courtney Heath
REDMEN Pride: Elise Heesch PRESIDENTIAL YOUTH FITNESS 6th Grade Bronze Star: Bryson Allen, Braylon Barse, Xaier Donnell, Douglas Ellingson, Emma Ellis, Ashton Flute, Amelia Garman, Isaiah Harrison, Kelsey Heath,

Andrew Kranhold, Alexis Metz, Isabel Morales, Taymin Pacheco, Alayia Richotte, Ashlynn Strutz, Anthony Tchida, and Jesi Thin Elk
7th Grade Bronze Star: Brendalyn Barse, Kellie Karst, Daniel King, Dustin Neilan, Sebastian Seaboy, Marcel Wanna, and Taryn Yammerino
7th Grade Silver Star: Serena Anderson, Ayianna Chanku, Corbin Cornelius, Slayton Crandall, Ty Peterson, Jacinda Redday, Tate St. John, and Martina Weyand
8th Grade Bronze Star: Dane Christopherson and Jimmy Mote
8th Grade Silver Star: DiVante Greeley
8th Grade Gold Star: Nate Nielsen and Aja Redwing
Accelerated Reader 3rd Quarter
6th Grade: Anne Meland
105.9pts, Taylor Red Horse 94.3pts,



Veterans Memorial Youth Center

Summer schedule
June 1st, 2015 – August 9th, 2015
Monday – Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm ages 5 - 18
VMYC will be closed the week of May 25th – May 29th, 2015
Please stop in and update your child’s application.

PIZZA AT THE PARK!
BROWNS VALLEY JOM
END OF THE YEAR PIZZA
Summer Vacation is here!
MAY 11
BROWNS VALLEY PARK
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!
GAMES AND PRIZES
DRAWINGS

SOTA IYA YE YAPI

Legal notices

**SISSETON-WAHPETON
OYATE
LAKE TRAVERSE
RESERVATION
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
IN TRIBAL COURT**



CASE: D-15-436-281
IN THE MATTER OF THE
CHANGE OF NAME OF:
SAMUEL HIGHWOLF
MAHPIYASNA, A Minor,
And concerning:
JOAN MAHPIYASNA,
Petitioner.
**ORDER AND NOTICE OF
HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that Petitioner's request
for a change of name from
SAMUEL HIGHWOLF
MAHPIYASNA to SAMUEL
SHEPHERD WILLIAMS
shall be heard before the
Honorable B.J. JONES, Chief
Judge of Tribal Court, in the

Courtroom of the Sisseton
Wahpeton Tribal Court at
Agency Village, South Dakota
at 1:30 P.M. on the 17th day
of JUNE, 2015.
Dated this 18th day of May,
2015.
BY ORDER OF THE COURT:
/s/ B.J. Jones, CHIEF JUDGE
ATTEST:
E. Pfeiffer, CLERK OF COURTS
21-3tc


Sisseton-Wahpeton Housing Authority

2015 Spring Clean Up

Low Rental Housing Sites

Sisseton-Wahpeton Housing Authority has designated May 1 to July 11, 2015 as Spring Clean up for the Low Rent Housing Sites. SWHA requests that tenants sort and stack iron/metal, furniture/wood separately. Tires WILL not be picked up. Please place all items by the driveway, ready for pickup on the indicated dates. The listed schedule for each housing location will be strictly adhered to. In the event of inclement weather the schedule will be modified accordingly.

Date:	Location/Site:
May 1 to May 8	Sisseton/Buddy Nelson Apts/Lake Traverse
May 11 to May 15	Long Hollow/Red Iron/New Effington
May 18 to May 22	Crawfordsville/Old Agency/Rehab Area
May 25 to May 29	Barker Hill/Peever
June 1 to June 5	Waubay/Enemy Swim
June 8 to June 12	Peever Flats/Summit/Big Coulee
June 15 to June 19	Veblen/Veblen Flats
June 22 to June 26	Follow up




U.S. Department of the Interior

Office of Natural Resources Revenue

www.onrr.gov

STATE AND INDIAN OUTREACH



MISSION

The State and Indian Coordination program of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) has several missions. Among those is the State and Indian Outreach program, which advocates for the fulfillment of ONRR trust responsibilities and resolution of American Indian mineral issues. The Outreach program serves as a focal point for both American Indian mineral issues and contact with the American Indian community, American Indian mineral owners, and involved state and federal agencies. ONRR's goal is to enhance its trust responsibility and foster a positive working relationship with the American Indian community.

OPERATIONS

ONRR conducts various forms of outreach with individual American Indian mineral owners, but its primary method is through on-site meetings in Indian Country. The outreach is designed to resolve royalty-related problems and to let individual mineral owners know who to contact for assistance. These regularly scheduled outreach meetings enable ONRR to answer questions, listen to concerns and suggestions for improvement, and identify and resolve mineral-related problems in partnership with the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, and Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians. Additional information concerning ONRR's State and Indian Coordination Program is available on the web at <http://www.onrr.gov/tribserv/default.htm>

LOCATIONS


ONRR has an Oklahoma City Office, which services the State of Oklahoma, and a Denver office, which services Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. The Federal Indian Minerals Office is located in Farmington, New Mexico.

CONTACT Us:


Denver Office Toll Free Royalty Assistance Number: 800-982-3226

Oklahoma City Office Toll Free Royalty Assistance Number: 800-354-7015

Federal Indian Minerals Office Toll Free Royalty Assistance Number: 800-238-2839



RESERVATION ELECTION BOARD SISSETON-WAHPETON OYATE NOTICE OF 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE POSITION OF ENEMY SWIM DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE



WHEN: June 16, 2015

WHERE: Enemy Swim Community Center

ALTERNATIVE POLLING SITE: in the event the Enemy Swim Community Center cannot be used for the Special Election, the alternative polling site will be the Enemy Swim District Center.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPECIAL ELECTION: (There will be no exceptions to filing requirements)

May 11, 2015: Notice of Intent to Run Application available for pick-up from any of the REB members listed below.

May 15, 2015: Voting Roster closed.

May 21, 2015: Debts to all Tribal Entities must be paid in full by 4:30 p.m.

May 22, 2015: Notice of Intent to Run Application due by **12:00 p.m. (noon)** to the REB.

May 22, 2015: The Reservation Election Board sends REB Form 09-SE2 REB's Request for Debt Information to all Tribal Entities.

May 27, 2015: REB Form 09-SE2 REB's Request for Debt Information is due by all Tribal Entities by **12:00 p.m. (noon)**.

June 1, 2015: Candidate proof of payment to all Tribal Entities is due to the REB by **12:00 p.m. (noon)**.

June 1, 2015: The REB shall certify and post all eligible candidates in the Enemy Swim District Center.

June 15, 2015: The REB meets with the Enemy Swim District Election Board in preparation of Special Election.

June 16, 2015: Date of Special Election. Polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Voting will be held at the Enemy Swim District Community Center. Following the closing of the polls, ballots will be counted at the SWO Administration Building.

Reservation Election Board Contact Information: (REB members available via telephone nightly 4:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

Colleen Eastman: 605-268-3471 Tammy Decoteau: 605-467-1017 Mickey Divine: 605-742-4441 Josie Bertsch: 605-237-4067 Geri Opsal: 605-268-0502 Karena Miller: 605-467-9037	P.O. Box 509 Agency Village, SD 57262 Fax: 605-698-3055 REB@swo-nsn.gov	Drop off area to the Reservation Election Board is the SWO Administration Building, Tribal Court Reception Area (Black Quadrant)
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and Tessa Dykstra 93.9pts.
7th Grade: Daniel Albright
203.8pts, Cameron Bochat
172.5pts, Matthew Moen 130.8pts.
8th Grade: Austin Backman
338.4pts, Elise Heesch 150.4pts,
Braimen Steen 115.8pts.
Accelerated Reader 4th Quarter
6th Grade: Tessa Dykstra 95.6
pts, Anne Meland 73.6 pts, Taylor
RedHorse 69.7 pts
7th Grade: Daniel Albright
254 pts, Cameron Bochat 205.4 pts,
Kellie Karst 116.6 pts

8th Grade: Elise Heesch 106.4
pts, Brennan Robertson 99.4 pts,
Diego Nelson 93.6 pts

NOTICE

We are reviewing and renewing the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate three (3) year 2015-2017 TANF plan.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the TANF Program, please come by the ET/ Demo Office at the Tribal administration building.

Or you may call Chris Heminger at 605-698-8324.

Legal Notice

To Native American Farmers or Ranchers or the heir of one who was denied a USDA farm loan or loan servicing between 1981 and late 1999

Some funds paid in settlement of *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* remain unclaimed and will be distributed in accordance with a process established by the Court. The case claimed that USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The Court seeks input from class members about how the remaining funds should be distributed. Of the \$680 million paid to settle the case, approximately \$380 million remains. The Settlement Agreement approved by the Court directs that unclaimed funds be given to non-profit organizations to serve Native American farmers and ranchers.

The deadline to file a claim has passed. **There is no new claims process.**

Who is included?

The Class *includes* all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to do so between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; and
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

The class *does not include* individuals who:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23 1997; or
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

Proposed use of the Funds

There are several competing options for how to distribute the funds.

First, Plaintiffs propose to modify the Settlement Agreement, subject to Court approval, to distribute the funds as follows:

- \$342 million distributed by a Trust, overseen by Native American leaders, to non-profit groups to

serve Native farmers & ranchers over a 20 year period.

- \$38 million be distributed quickly to non-profit organizations serving Native farmers & ranchers, identified by Class Counsel and approved by the Court.

The Trust would make grants to organizations providing business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, or advocacy services to Native American farmers and ranchers, including those seeking to become farmers or ranchers, to support and promote their continued engagement in agriculture. The USDA has agreed with this proposal.

Second, Marilyn Keepseagle proposes to distribute all remaining funds as additional damages paid to successful Track A claimants alone. The USDA opposes this proposal.

Third, other class members have asked to use the funds to pay claims that were initially denied or to permit new claims to be filed.

Fourth, the Choctaw Nation has argued that no changes should be made.

How can I share my views?

If you want to tell the Court of your support of or opposition to any proposal for use of the remaining funds, you may submit written comments, postmarked no later than **June 15, 2015**, to:

Chambers of the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
333 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

The Court will hold a hearing on **June 29, 2015 at 9:00 AM EDT** in Courtroom 24A at the address above. If you want to speak to the Court in person, you may attend the hearing. Your written comments will be considered by the Court even if you do not attend the hearing.

**For more detailed information call 1-888-233-5506 or see
www.IndianFarmClass.com**

Deadline to comment on Harney Peak name change

Rapid City Journal – The South Dakota Board on Geographic Names is requesting public comment on its preliminary recommendation to rename Harney Peak.

The proposed new name is “Hinhan Kaga (Making of Owls),” which the board believes to be the traditional Lakota name and English translation for the 7,242-foot summit, South Dakota’s tallest.

The deadline to submit comments is June 20. Written comments and contact



information may be submitted by mail to the board, in care of the Department of Tribal Relations, at 302 E. Dakota, Pierre, S.D., 57501; or by email to david.reiss@state.sd.us.

The board will meet at 1:30 p.m. CDT June 29 at the Becker-Hansen Building in Pierre to take final action on the recommendation. The recommendation will then go to the U.S. Board on Geographic Names for its consideration.

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Three T's: Ti Opetunpi ~ Buy a Home Ti Kaga ~ Build a Home Ti Piya ~ Fix a Home

SWO One-Stop Homeownership Program

Assisting Services

Site Selection

Financing Options & Loan Packaging

Financial Management & Credit Counseling

Default Counseling & Foreclosure Intervention

Home Repair & Rehab Financing Options

2015 Homeowners Education Six Month Class Schedule

Held on Saturdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

January 17th

February 21st

March 28th

April 25th

May 30th

June 27th

Classes Held at the Sisseton-Wahpeton Housing Authority Administration Building

If interested, please contact one of the following agencies:

SWO Homebuyers Program (605)698-7707

Sisseton-Wahpeton Housing Authority (605)698-3901

ATTENTION

Bring in CHS referral letter/application 2-3 days before your appointment.

Your check will be ready one day before your scheduled appointment.

This will strictly be enforced starting JUNE 1 2015.

SWO Tribal Elderly/SWO Tribal Secretary

Orders from the Executive Committee

On April 25, 2013 if you have not returned your verification and are missing more than 2 you are **INELIGIBLE** to receive assistance

DAKOTA NATION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SEX OFFENDER POLICY

Sex Offender Policy

Effective April 1, 2015, it shall be the policy of the Dakota Nation Community Development Corporation that any person required by federal, tribal or any state laws to register as a sex offender, (as the term maybe defined by law from time to time), shall not be eligible to reside in any rental unit owned and operated by the Dakota Nation Community Development Corporation. Furthermore, any person convicted of a sex related crime, state, tribal or federal shall not be eligible to participate in affordable housing activities implemented by the Dakota Nation Community Development Corporation.

Notice to Tenant

The Board of Directors of the Dakota Nation Community Development Corporation has adopted a policy declaring registered sex offenders ineligible to participate in Barker Hill or Dakota Magic Apartments activities administered by the Dakota Nation Community Development Corporation.

Therefore: All tenants are hereby notified that if you or any member of your immediate household are required to register as a sex offender, your dwelling lease will not be renewed upon the expiration of your current lease agreement: (or ninety days from this published notification), whichever comes first. This policy shall be enforced whether or not the offender has actually registered with the applicable law enforcement agency as required by law.

Any current tenant or future tenant, who fails to disclose such information on their application, shall be subject to ineligibility or eviction procedures, whichever applies.

Approved by DNCDC Board Motion on May 14, 2015

Funding for Distance Learning, Telemedicine

Washington, DC – May 22, 2015 – Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is accepting applications for its Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) grant program, which provides increased access to education, training and health care resources in rural areas.

“This program provides people who live and work in rural areas with better access to a variety of educational and health care services,” Vilsack said. “For example, because of the DLT program, students in rural areas can take advanced placement classes, residents can have access to specialized medical services not typically available, and many other benefits for rural communities.”

USDA’s Rural Utilities Service, a Rural Development agency is making \$19 million available for fiscal year 2015. The Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program finances telecommunications equipment, computer networks and advanced technologies for use by students, teachers, medical professionals and rural residents. Minimum grant amounts are \$50,000; maximum amounts are \$500,000 for fiscal year 2015.

Since 2009, USDA has provided more than \$182 million to expand access to learning at nearly 4,700 rural educational facilities and to improve delivery of medical care at more than 2,500 rural health facilities.

Details of the DLT funding are on Page 29602 of the May 22 Federal Register. The application deadline is July 6, 2015.

President Obama’s plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President’s leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way – strengthening America’s economy, small towns and rural communities.

USDA’s investments in rural communities support the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of American values. President Obama and Agriculture Secretary Vilsack are committed to a smarter use of federal resources to foster sustainable economic prosperity and ensure the government is a strong partner for businesses, entrepreneurs and working families in rural communities.

Kid Kare - Babysitting Clinic planned

Babysitting is not just a job - it is a responsibility. If someone you know is beginning to take on this responsibility to earn spending money this summer, Kid Kare is for them.

The SDSU Extension Office in Roberts County is coordinating Kid Kare, a babysitting clinic designed for youth ages 10 to 14. It will be held on Tuesday, June 9th at the Grace Lutheran Church in Sisseton. The workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 3:30 p.m. The workshop will include sessions on the responsibilities of child care, emergency preparedness, infant care, snacks, learning activities, behavior management and first aid/choking. The cost is \$15, which includes snacks, lunch and program materials. The program material will be a good start to their Babysitting Kit.

The registration form and payment must be returned to the Roberts County Extension Office by May 29nd.

Some slots remain open. For further information, contact Tracey Lehrke, 4-H Youth Program Advisor at the SDSU Extension- Roberts County Office at 698-7627 or email at tracey.lehrke@sdsstate.edu

TAMARA ST. JOHN CANDIDATE FOR ENEMY SWIM DISTRICT COUNCILPERSON



Most people know me as a person who works with Dakota History.

I was asked recently why I would want to run for Enemy Swim Council. My answers are simple.

Because I believe the decisions made today are the legacy that is left for our grandchildren and generations to come.

I am a part of Toka Nuwan as the granddaughter of Richard Keeble Sr. and Naomi Gill.

I know the frustration of the elderly people who feel that they have no voice in the direction our tribe goes as a whole.

I know the struggles and dangers affecting our youth and how that impacts our communities.

I know how hard it is to live and survive in a community with limited housing and job opportunities.

While working with various boards and committees I have learned the value of communication between both the districts and the decision makers.

I believe in our Oyate and I know that there are people who wish to make positive changes but are often not heard or are not supported enough to implement such change.

I know the importance of our constitution, laws, codes and policies and feel that they need to be applied equally and what does not work needs to be changed so that it will. I know the importance of the district voice and have made an ongoing commitment to attending our district meetings regularly whether as a district member in past years or as a representative on the Housing Commission or Judicial Committee because Enemy Swim has a right to know and a voice in all matters impacting them.

For these reasons and more, I am asking for the support of the Enemy Swim membership in the upcoming election.

Pidamaya,
Tamara St John

~Political advertisement paid for by the candidate~

A TRIBAL LAND OWNER EVENT

Do you have questions about ...

*Allotments

*Mineral Rights

*Royalties

U.S. Department of the Interior

Question and Answer Session

Wednesday, June 3, 2015

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

North Dakota Heritage Center

612 East Boulevard Ave.

Bismarck, ND 58501

You are invited to come

and have your questions


answered. Please bring

any documents you would

like to discuss.

CLICK IT OR TICKET!

2015 Click It or Ticket



The 2015 national Click It or Ticket mobilization is May 11 through May 26.

The Sisseton-Wahpeton Tribal Police will be conducting checkpoints throughout the month of May.

Please make sure that you and your passengers are buckled up safely.

Thank you.

SWO Tribal Law Enforcement

Poems from the pen of Elden Hayes



Losing Mother Earth

I do not dance the traditional way
I am very proud of those who do,
culture needs to be passed on
those customs that belong to the Sioux.

We are the tenders of mother earth
we watch over the sacred land,
in a time of global warming
people have failed to understand.
Mother earth is slowly dying
and man once again is the culprit,
it feels like we ruin everything
from the rainforest to the pulpit.
We still belong to the sweat lodge
and we still use the vision quest,
mother earth sits on the jury
and the guilty ones should confess.
Stop the slaughter of the trees

let mother earth draw a deep breath,
there is a need to work together
and make green- house gas die its death.

Crowded cities keep getting bigger
animal habitat slips away,
humans are always the reason
I know that we will be made to pay.
Glaciers are starting to melt
soon we will lose the polar bear,
everything will become extinct
there will be no one left to care.....
9-28-13

Guarded Wall

Locked behind the guarded wall
inside of the self-made dungeon
created to keep erosion out
and keep the world from getting in

placing faith in the wrong solution
robbed all the trust that I have had,
I know that the world can be so cruel
but seldom has it seemed so bad


they say we walk in the end times
generations have said that before
they have sought a glory in dying
trying to see what's behind the door

in the mean time life moves on
new generations have not changed things,
the poor man has no excuses
he's just living life for what it brings

we've proven that we are survivors
even though there's nothing to show
retreating behind a make believe wall
where pain is not allowed to go.
7-28-11

Permafrost thaw would have runaway effect on Carbon release

By Tim Radford
Climate News Network –
May 15, 2015 – LONDON—An international team of scientists has settled one puzzle of the Arctic permafrost and confirmed one long-



Sisseton Wahpeton College

2015 Summer Session
Start Date: June 1
End Date: July 31

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LAST DAY TO ADD: JUNE 5

LAST DAY TO DROP: JUNE 12

LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW: JULY 16

Poetry of Tyler Goodkill

Tread softly

Tread softly for they lay beneath our feet:

The dead and gone,
laid to rest in peace the old,
young, strong and weak,
good or bad - in memory we keep!
Their names, birth and death.
All etched in stone, wood or cement
in hallowed ground they rest,
wandering in the minds
of the lives they blessed!
Their laughs, cries and the memories
are what we have left.
“Until the day we meet again,”
At the crossroads they wait.
With an open hand,
for the “dead and gone,”
I pray you rest in peace!
Tread softly- for they lay beneath our feet!

Tyler M. Goodkill
S.D.S.P.

Always

Always and forever
til the dirt rots my bones
always and in-after
our love etched in stone
it's us against the world
til the dirt rots us both!

Tyler M. Coodkill
S.D.S.P.

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such a release of greenhouse gas could only accelerate global warming and precipitate catastrophic climate change.

That the circumpolar regions of the northern hemisphere hold vast amounts of deep-frozen carbon is not in question.

The latest estimate is 17 billion



A bank of thawing permafrost near the Kolyma River in Siberia. (Skidaway Institute of Oceanography)

tonnes, which is twice the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and perhaps 10 times the quantity put into the atmosphere by burning fossil fuels since the start of the Industrial Revolution.

Hazard underlined

In recent weeks, researchers have already underlined the potential hazard. But the big question has been that if some of the trapped carbon must be escaping now, where is it going?

Researchers have checked the mouths of the Arctic rivers for the telltale evidence of ancient dissolved organic carbon—partly-rotted vegetable matter deep-frozen more than 20,000 years ago—and found surprisingly little.

Now Robert Spencer, an oceanographer at Florida State University, and colleagues from the US, UK, Russia, Switzerland and Germany report in Geophysical Research Letters that the answer lies in the soil—and in the headwater streams of the terrestrial Arctic regions.

Instead of flowing down towards the sea, the thawing peat and ancient leaf litter of the warming permafrost is being metabolised by microbes and released swiftly into the atmosphere as carbon dioxide.

“We found that decomposition converted 60% of the carbon in the thawed permafrost to carbon dioxide in two weeks”

The scientists conclude that the



Welcome Baby Melody May Robertson

Born at Essencia Health Center in Fargo, ND on April 11, 2015 weighing 9 lbs.
Melody is the daughter of Renee J. Robertson.
Granddaughter of Franklin and Kathy Robertson
Sister to Mason and Meadow Martin
Great granddaughter of the late Melvin and Mamie Robertson and Glen and Lydia Goodsell



CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL J. ROBERTS



Michael J. Roberts, JD, MBA.

Congratulations on your graduation on Friday, May 22nd, 2015, from Hamline University with your Juris Doctor Degree!

Now you can do even greater work with this Degree along with your MBA. Best wishes!



Michael with his family – wife Iris Apostol Roberts and their children, Noah, Miranda, Kailani and Amelia.

CONGRATULATIONS SHERIDAN!



Congratulations Sheridan Renville on graduating from the Flandreau Indian School, We are so proud of you, love you. Love Mom, Dad, Spirit, Journey and Hoksila.

THANK YOU
Lake Traverse District, I wanted to THANK YOU in my Attitude of Gratitude for ALL of your assistance. In Life of GODS' Creation it is to be simple & man has made it a bit too difficult, yet I Appreciate You.
Mr. Dave Flute-Chief, My Ms. Peggy (Sue)-Chiefette/Maiden, & Mr. Chad Ward.
Lord Jesus Bless You All.
Laura J. White.

through a bank of permafrost to expose the frozen organic carbon. They worked at 19 different sites—including places where the permafrost was more than 30 metres deep—and they found tributary streams made entirely of thawed permafrost. Measurement of the carbon concentration confirmed that it was indeed ancient. The researchers analysed its form in the meltwater, then they bottled it with a selection of local microbes, and waited.

microbes, once they get a chance to work at all, act so fast that half of all the soil carbon they can get at is turned into carbon dioxide within a week. It gets into the atmosphere

before it has much chance to flow downstream with the soil meltwater. The researchers centered their study on Duvanny Yar in Siberia, where the Kolyma River sluices

Used by microbes
“We found that decomposition converted 60% of the carbon in the thawed permafrost to carbon dioxide in two weeks,” says Aron Stubbins, assistant professor at the University of Georgia’s Skidaway Institute of Oceanography. “This shows that permafrost carbon is definitely in a form that can be used by the microbes.”
The finding raises a new—and not yet considered—aspect of the carbon cycle jigsaw puzzle, because what happens to atmospheric and soil carbon is a huge element in all climate simulations. At the moment, permafrost carbon is not a big factor in projections by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Dr Spencer says: “When you have a huge frozen store of carbon and it’s thawing, we have some big questions. The primary question is, when it thaws, what happens to it?”
“Our research shows that this ancient carbon is rapidly utilised by microbes and transferred to the atmosphere, leading to further warming in the region, and therefore more thawing. So we get into a runaway effect.”

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



Rachel Sine (left) graduated with a BS in Criminal Justice from Mount Marty College in Watertown, SD. Rachel will pursue graduate school. Camille Sine (right) graduated with a BS in Elementary Education from Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah. She will be teaching 5th grade at TZTS. Both Rachel and Camille are the daughters of Debbie Crawford and the granddaughters of Amy and Franklin Crawford.



Join us to celebrate the life of, and say goodbye to:
Martha Lynn Canku
January 12th, 1963 to November 23rd, 2014
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Saturday, June 20, 2015
12:00 Noon

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Defenders Office
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Receptionist, Head Start
Closing Date: June 05th, 2015 @
04:30PM
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obtain application and job
description information at the
Human Resource Department,
of the Sisseton Wahpeton
Oyate or contact Arnold
Williams at (605) 698-8238 or
Denise Hill at (605) 698-8362.
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Notices
NA Meetings
At Dakotah Pride Rehab Center
Outreach Building
Thursdays
6:30-7:30 p.m.

Alanon Meetings
At Dakotah Pride Rehab Center
Outreach Building
Mondays
6:00-7:00 p.m.

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Thursdays
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Vacancy: Bus Monitor (\$13/hr)
Qualifications: High School
Diploma/GED+; currently has/
willing to obtain CPR and
First Aid certification Opening
Date: November 21, 2014
Closing Date: Open until filled
Vacancy: Dakota Studies Teacher
Qualifications: Current South
Dakota Certification meeting
the Highly Qualified status
for Dakota Studies Instructor
Opening Date: March 12, 2015
Closing Date: Open until filled
Vacancy: Elementary Art Teacher
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Vacancy: Kitchen Supervisor
Qualifications: GED/High
School Diploma and Certified
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and Adult Nutrition Services
- Managers Trainings I and
II, State Nutrition Program
Tracks I, II, III, and IV, and
State School Food Service
Certificate - Track 3 Class
Certificate in Quantity Food
Production (CANS) and 1 year
directly related experience
Opening Date: April 21, 2015
Closing Date: Open until filled
Vacancy: Gymnasium Custodian
Qualifications: GED/High
School Diploma, experience
in building maintenance,
and 1 year directly related
experience Opening Date:
April 21, 2015 Closing Date:
Open until filled
Vacancy: High School English
Teacher Qualifications:
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Certification meeting the
Highly Qualified status for a
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Opening Date: May 19, 2015
Closing Date: June 5, 2015

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Vacancy: School Counselor
(Secondary) Qualifications:
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Certification meeting the
Highly Qualified status for
a School Service Specialist
School Counselor. Opening
Date: May 22, 2015. Closing
Date: June 5, 2015
Vacancy: Elementary Teacher
Qualifications: Current South
Dakota Certification meeting
the Highly Qualified status
for an Elementary Teacher.
Opening Date: May 22, 2015.
Closing Date: June 5, 2015
Vacancy: Alternative
Learning Center Teacher
Qualifications: Current South
Dakota Certification meeting
the Highly Qualified status to
teach 9-12 grades. Opening
Date: May 22, 2015. Closing
Date: June 5, 2015
If interested please submit an
application and Advisor

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Opening Date: September
11, 2014 Closing Date: Open
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Enemy Swim Day School
Job Openings

BUS DRIVER Enemy Swim Day School has an opening for a bus driver for the 2015-2016 school year. This is a 6 hour per day position. Applicant must have a valid CDL driver's license with passenger endorsement. ESDS will assist driver in obtaining a CDL if needed. Health and vision insurance is included as well as retirement benefits and paid leave. Wage is dependent upon experience. If interested please pick up an application from the business office or visit our website: www.esds.us. Call (605) 947-4605 or (888) 825-7738 and ask for Ed Johnson for details. Indian preference policies apply. Open until filled.

FACE PARENT EDUCATOR Enemy Swim Day School has an opening for a FACE Parent Educator for the 2015-2016 school year. Parent Educator for FACE Home-Based conducts personal visits with families of prenatal to 5-year old children on a weekly or bi-weekly basis to provide research-based information on how children grow and develop and how parents can foster learning and nurture development. Hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, with some evening hours for scheduled events. Please visit our web site at www.esds.us for a detailed position description and application. This position includes benefits. Indian Preference policies apply. If interested please call (605) 947-4605 or (888) 825-7738 for more information, ask for Virginia. Open until filled.

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Opening date: Thursday, May 21, 2015

Closing date: Wednesday, May 27, 2015 @ 4:00 p.m.

All positions will be exposed to noise & tobacco smoke

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Apply with the Human Resources Department, call or write for job description. Submit application to: Human Resources Department Dakota Connection Casino, 46102 SD Hwy 10, Sisseton, SD 57262.

Statewide
survey shows
need for
increased
access to
Health
services

Submitted by Sara DeCoteau
SWO Health Coordinator

Pierre, SD – May 14, 2015 – Compared to national rates, South Dakota may have a higher prevalence of anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder and alcohol misuse; people living in isolated and reservation communities face access issues for receiving primary care; and hospital utilization for mental health care is high. These are just a few of the findings from the recently completed “Focus on South Dakota: A Picture of Health” survey.

The “Focus on South Dakota: A Picture of Health” survey was conducted to gather high-quality, state-wide data to assess the use of and access to healthcare services, examine the prevalence of various mental and behavioral health conditions in the population, and identify key barriers to accessing care in South Dakota—especially in rural communities.

“We see this survey as an investment in the future health



of South Dakotans,” said Walter Panzire, trustee for The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust. “Everyone from government officials to healthcare providers needs data in order to understand and effectively address the health-related issues our state is facing. The Trust hopes these survey results ignite a spark for stakeholders from across the state to work together to improve access to care, mental health care delivery and substance abuse treatment.”

Prior to the completion of this survey, no accurate estimate or baseline existed that assessed all healthcare needs, including unmet behavioral and mental health needs, in rural areas. A baseline is needed to instigate communication and cooperation among stakeholders, prioritize projects, implement effective services and measure impact.

“As we researched healthcare in our state, we found astounding national statistics and data on urban populations, but no data that focused on rural populations or that looked at a combination of disease prevalence, access to care and barriers to care,” said Shelley Stingley, Rural Healthcare Program Director for the Helmsley Charitable Trust. “We saw a need for data and knew that it would be a good investment for the Trust to fund a study that would help stakeholders and decision makers throughout the state.”

The survey was funded by the Helmsley Charitable Trust’s Rural Healthcare Program through a two-year, \$1.4 million grant to Oregon Health & Science University.

NOTICE

LAKE TRAVERSE DISTRICT MEMBERS
LAKE TRAVERSE REGULAR DISTRICT MEETING
WILL BE THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015 AT 7:00 PM.

ATTENTION

LAKE TRAVERSE DISTRICT MEMBERS
DISTRICT EXECUTIVES TELEPHONE NUMBERS
District Chairman-Beverly Thompson - 701-403-5667
Vice-Chairman-Darwin James - 268-3743
Treasurer-Chad Ward - 520-0625
Secretary-Janel Many Lightnings - 268-0161

Notice

Enemy Swim District Members

The District has returned to the summer month schedule for the District Meetings as follows:

May 28, 2015 @ 6pm
June 25, 2015 @ 5 pm
July 30, 2015 @ 6 pm
August 27, 2015 @ 6 pm
September 24, 2015 @ 6pm

Notices

Enemy Swim District Members

Immediate opening for a part-time bookkeeper for the Enemy Swim District. Salary negotiable depending on experience. Application can be picked up at the District Office For more information please call (605) 947-4319.

TEMPORARY YOUTH COORDINATOR, ENEMY SWIM DISTRICT. Application and job description ESD Center Closing on May 22, 2015. Fern Cloud ESD, Treasurer.

Sisseton-Wahpeton
Federal Credit Union

45665 Veterans Memorial Drive * PO Box 627
Agency Village, SD 57262
Phone: (605) 698-3462
Fax: (605)698-3907
www.sisseton-wahpetonfcu.com

SWO Blood Drive report

A total of 26 people volunteered to donate blood, and 18 were able to give during Oyate’s May 5th blood drive. Four people gave blood on the automated 2RBC machine which collects two units of red blood cells during the donation, so a total of 22 products were collected. Every community and everyone within each community has a stake in an adequate blood supply. Blood will be available only because of blood drive sponsors, coordinators, and volunteer donors. There were eight people who donated for their first time!

Gypsy Wanna coordinated the drive. Katherine Wanna also assisted the day of the drive. Space to hold

the drive was provided at the Oyate Tribal Building.

Donations will help meet the blood needs of many patients in 93 area hospitals served by United Blood Services. Blood is for sharing; you have truly given the “Gift of Life.”



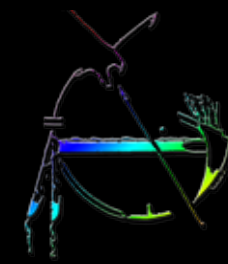
REMINDER

Deadline for receipt of copy to be considered for publication as an open letter to the Oyate is 10:00 a.m. Thursday.

Deadline for receipt of all other copy to be considered for publication as news or advertising is 12:00 noon Friday.

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation.

– Sota Staff



NOTICE

Long Hollow District Members
Treasurer
Vacancy

Deadline to submit letters of intent & \$30 fee will be Monday, June 8th at 4:30 p.m. at the Long Hollow District.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the LHD or one of the Election Board members.

OLD AGENCY DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

4TH MONDAY OF EACH MONTH - 6:00 PM-10:00 PM

APRIL 27, 2015
MAY 25, 2015
JUNE 22, 2015
JULY 27, 2015
AUGUST 24, 2015
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015
OCTOBER 26, 2015
NOVEMBER 23, 2015
DECEMBER 28, 2015

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Notices

Buffalo Lake District Members
Monthly Birthday Funds

Each month at the monthly District meeting and only at the District meeting birthday funds will be given out to those that can provide identification. The District member must pick up their own birthday money. No one can pick up someone else’s birthday money.

TZTS Representative

The District representative for the TZTS Board is up for election. The election will take place on Thursday, May 28th at the May District meeting. If you are 18 years or older and want to submit your name you may do so by submitting your name to the District Secretary Lisa Red Wing @ 237-3521. At the time you submit your name you will be provided a packet of information that you agree to adhere to such as a required back ground check and or employee background investigation.

May's District Meeting

May’s District meeting will be held on Thursday May 28, 2015. The District will also be holding its end of the school year cookout. The cookout starts at 4:00 p.m. The meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. All boards are required to provide (10) copies of your committee minutes.

College Grade Money

Those college students that did not make it to pick up their grade funds on Wednesday May 13th. May also pick up their grade funds at the District meeting on Thursday May 28th after 6:00 p.m.

Youth Assistance

Just a reminder that all youth assistance must be made by May 28th. No summer youth assistance will take place from June 1 thru August 1, 2015. No summer camps or athletic activities will be approved during the summer months.

Telephone Numbers

District District Chairman Louie Johnson – 951-4960
Councilman Kenneth Johnson – 268-1049
Vice-Chairman John Lincoln – 924-0563
Treasurer Kayline LaBelle – 927-9018
Secretary Lisa RedWing – 237-3521

‘The Mess of Meth’: What happens to a Meth House?

By London Swan
KDLT News – May 12, 2015
– Fort Thompson, SD – Meth use is a problem that’s been glamorized in the hit television show, “Breaking Bad.” And it’s an epidemic that may exist right in your own backyard. Who really knows what happens behind closed doors. “It really can be deceiving and

it really could be anywhere where somebody is cooking or making meth,” said Officer Sam Clemens, Sioux Falls Police Dept. According to the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, there were 19 methamphetamine lab incidents in South Dakota in 2014. Officer Sam Clemens says meth use has always be an issue in Sioux Falls. The only thing that’s changed is how the drug is made. “In the past what we saw was big meth labs and people were producing a big quantity of that doing so using a lot of different chemicals,” said Officer Clemens. Sioux Falls Police say the new trend is meth in smaller quantities. Meth makers are using pop bottles. But...what happens after a meth lab is discovered? That’s up to the property owner. “There are no laws that say that we have to condemn a place or board a place up,” said Officer Clemens. “It’s really just that recommendation and trying to make that house as safe as you can after somebody has been making meth.”

TO OUR TRIBAL ELDERS
DAKOTA MAGIC CASINO DAY



June 10, 2015 - 11 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

You must have valid identification and a Dakota Club Card.

REMINDER: If you are picking up a casino package for a parent, sibling or other relative...you must have the following: relative’s Tribal or State ID, a signed note, a statement from their doctor and a written note from the relative.

PLEASE, if you do not have the 4 documents do not ask any of the staff to give you a parent, sibling or relative’s casino package...they will not do it. Thank you in advance.

This applies to our elders in nursing homes...you can pick up for them but you must have a written statement from the nursing home that the elder lives at the nursing home along with a written note from the elder.



KDLT News traveled 167 miles to Fort Thompson to speak with an expert on cleaning meth houses. “I think it’s tedious work to go into a unit or any home to clean for meth,” said Ronnette Kirkie, Fort Thompson Resident. Ronnette Kirkie has been cleaning up meth houses for two years. She works with contracting companies to clean up 12 to 15 units at Crow Creek Housing. “It basically just started out from a report that some syringes and stuff were found in the unit,” said Kirkie. “And there’s speculation that there might be some meth use.” It may look like an ordinary home. But step inside and it’s a different story. “You’d see the bottles, you’d see the light bulbs and syringes,” said Kirkie. “The smell was different.” Kirkie says the residue from cooking or smoking meth is “basically invisible” in a home. That’s why cleaning companies like Santi-Kleen based in Marion, South Dakota are called into action. “It was very tedious and they had to wear hazemat suits too,” said Kirkie. Crews use trash bags, paper towels and chemicals to clean up

Request for Bids
Pow wow committee now excepting bids for the following:
Garbage
Porta potties
Security
Rodeo
Softball

It must be submitted by noon Wednesday, May 27.
For more information contact Dickie Johnson at (605) 268-1049 or Ella @ (605) 268-0742.

SAVE THE DATE
United Tribes Technical College
Strengthening Communities
19th Annual Summit and Trade Show
September 8-10, 2015
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Bismack Event Center • Bismack, ND 58504
46th Annual United Tribes Technical College International Powwow
September 10-13, 2015
UTTC Campus • Bismack, ND 58504
REGISTER NOW!
www.uttcc.edu
Early Bird Registration Deadline
\$400 by July 15, 2015
\$500 after July 15, 2015
“Topics”
♦ Tribal Governance
♦ Law & Natural Resources
♦ Economic Development & Commerce
♦ Education
♦ Health & Human Services
♦ Housing
♦ Community & Culture
♦ Food Sovereignty
♦ Great Plains Youth Summit
♦ Concurrent Conferences
Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP)
UNITED TRIBES WEEK
♦ Youth Day
September 11, 2015
♦ Diamond Legends Softball Tournament
September 11-13, 2015
♦ Golf Tournament
September 11, 2015
♦ Parade
September 12, 2015
♦ United Tribes Thunderbird Run
September 12, 2015
♦ Free Buffalo Feed
September 13, 2015
SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE • SAVE THE DATE

DAKOTA CONNECTION
CRUISE IN & BURN OUT
FRIDAY JUNE 5TH
6PM REGISTRATION
7PM SHOW STARTS
FLAME THROWER, BOOMIN BASS
MUFFLER BAP, BURN OUT
See Players Club for More Info
Management reserves all rights to Alter/Change/Cancel any and All Promotions or Events.

SUMMER SCHEDULE!
DRUM PRACTICE
TUESDAYS 6-7:30
@ Stillsons Park
until Memorial Park opens
(Weather permitting)
In the case of rain
it will be at the
Young Ambassadors Building

Att: Parents and Grandparents
BABY MOCCASIN CLASSES
EVERY WEDNESDAY OF MAY
6:00pm - 7:30 pm
6th - 13th - 20th - 27th
materials provided
moccasin/beads/thread/needle
(please bring small container)
Young Ambassadors Building (next door to Wells Fargo, Sisseton)
contact: sitowiyani@hotmail.com or 698-3231 if any questions

Open Sewing Machine Classes
for every level of experience
Every Wednesday of May and June
how does this machine work?
how do I set the tension?
how do I sew a hem?
what is a bobbin?
how do I replace a needle?
Got a question about sewing? This is the place to get the answer!
Bring your sewing machine
sewing machines available to use
sewing experts welcome!
Located at the Young Ambassadors Building
(next door to Wells Fargo, Sisseton)
sitowiyani@hotmail.com/698-3231 for more info

WANT TO LEARN HOW TO
MAKE A DENIM TIE BLANKET?
Every Wednesday of June
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
learn the steps of
cutting, sewing and
tying a denim blanket
like kuns'i used to make for winter
Must Bring:
denim (old jeans), scissors,
material for backing,
fill, and yarn (to tie)
square patterns and
sewing machines provided
Located at the Young Ambassadors Building
(next door to Wells Fargo, Sisseton)
sitowiyani@hotmail.com/698-3231 for more info

Last day of school for Tiospa Zina Wambdibi

Photos courtesy of Mindy Crawford



meth houses.
“Basically it was labor, a lot of labor,” said Kirkie.
Kirkie says it can cost as much

Everything that belonged to the family is now ruined...except for the few photographs that will serve as a reminder of life before meth.
In South Dakota, state law requires prior meth-related activity in a property to be disclosed.
Last year, police uncovered more than 9,000 meth labs in the United States.

Of the state's that surround South Dakota, Iowa had the most meth labs by far with 141. Minnesota only had eight.
(Editor's note: Meth and its consequences are all around here on the Lake Traverse Reservation. Everyone in the community is hurt by this epidemic. Last year, during one of our grassroots solutions meetings, Housing Authority officials said it can cost up to \$7,000 to clean a unit before a new family can move in.)



as \$24,000 to clean up a meth lab. In a worst case scenario, the home could be a total loss.
“You had to have a solid waste truck there to take care of the debris, the garbage and whatever was being taken out that was being thrown away,” said Kirkie. “You couldn't keep a lot of the stuff.”



Traditional Dakota Pottery Firing Methods Workshop with Gabrielle Tateyuskaskan

When: Friday, June 5, 2015 5 pm–9 pm,
Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7, 2015 9am–9pm
Location: Sisseton Wahpeton College, Voc Ed Building Rm 13

- Create your own pottery.
- Learn traditional techniques and knowledge of firing Dakota pottery.
- You do not need to complete Pottery I & II to participate in this workshop.



St. Croix stamped ceramic vessel. Photo courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society



For more information, please contact
Erin Griffin at 698-3966 ext. 1293 or
egriffin@swc.tc



REWARD \$10,000

For Information resulting in the physical location of “AJ”



Andrew J. “AJ” Lufkins has been missing since April 7, 2010, where he was last seen at the American Legion in Sisseton, SD
Please contact Law Enforcement.

605-698-7661

All calls are confidential.

Come Make a Blanket With Us!

Tuesday, June 9, 2015
SWO Elderly Nutrition Building

We are going to be making no-sew fleece blankets. We would like for the Tribal elderly to come join us.
A snack and beverage will be provided along with the supplies needed.
Any questions please call Eunice Eastman at 698-9023.



SWO Youth Leaders meet with Sisseton City Council



SWO Youth Council attends the Sisseton City Council meeting. Pidamayaye to Sisseton City Mayor and all of City Council for being so welcoming. (Editor's note: We are amazed at the passion and activism in our SWO youth groups!)

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Recently released youth are usually ignored by such leadership programs. "They may have a background of truancy, treatment, or they might be on probation. They don't meet the criteria," Gill said. "This is a brand new concept, and it will be offered as an alternative to juvenile detention through the court services and probation. We will be taking youth from 13 to 18, and they have to apply. We want to be sure they want to do this," Gill said.

Gill is operating the Young Ambassadors Program through ALIIVE as a nonprofit organization rather than through IHS or the tribe, because Indian Health Service doesn't receive enough money to run well-staffed counseling programs in her area she said, and the other tribal health programs are already "fighting for the same federal dollar."

Gill found through her own family experience how difficult it is to get an appointment with an IHS mental health professional. Frustrated with the system, Gill asked, "What do you say to a kid who is suicidal? Come back in eight weeks? There is an immediate need and we want to do it ourselves. We have the capacity, the space; we have everything we need to operate our own mental health center. We want to do it in a way where both the kids and parents come in."

Until she finds funding, Gill is holding after-school and evening activities to encourage bonding between families and "creating happy memories," she said. She is paying for snacks and incidentals from her own pocket. Counselors are volunteering their time until the program can offer individual counseling.

Group counseling is already available, but for some, individual counseling is critical. Gill asked, "How many teenagers are going to sit in front of a new friend and say, 'You know, I felt suicidal today,' or 'I wanted to cry.' They are not going to be open like that. When one falls, it creates a domino effect."

When Gill was young she "was lucky enough to have a supportive grandma and family, and I was always selected for leadership programs." She remembers those left behind, who weren't chosen "because they didn't have the money to clean their clothes. There were the kids who got left out" and "the kids who went down the wrong path... All they needed was that little bit of support, that nudge, for somebody to say, 'Hey I believe in you.' That makes a world of difference. But I don't think there's enough people that do that, or enough time, or even enough resources," Gill said.

Gill worked for her tribe for eight years, and was active in promoting the passage of the Violence Against Women Act and has also worked with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People. When Harris first met Gill in 2006, she remembers a young woman who

had rarely left her reservation. "Dustina didn't want to get on a plane to come to the first meeting. This year she was willing to jump into a little tiny plane to go out to the Amazon jungle. Now she is taking a risk with her Young Ambassadors Program. We encourage her—give her moral support and technical assistance. She really is the poster girl for the Ambassadors Program."

To contact Dustina Gill and the Young Ambassador program, email Dustina@aliive.org.

Last week three Aliive Roberts County youth were invited to attend the historic White House Tribal

Youth Gathering in Washington, DC on July 9, 2015 co-sponsored by UNITY, the Department of Justice's Today's Native Leaders program, and the Department of Health and Human Services.

These youth accepted the Gen-I Challenge and organized a positive event in their community. These youth are part of the Youth Council and oversee a youth operated business in Sisseton, SD.

Check out the video at www.facebook.com/AliiveRC.

In order to get these three youth and a chaperone to Washington, DC they are asking for community support. Any little bit helps! Help us get these local youth

Smudge the Rez June 5th

Meet @ Tribal Admin 8am
Start prayer @ 8:30 leave by 9
Mid way meet up point
Dakota connection @ noon
Leave by 1pm

End with meal & talking circle
Tribal admin @ 4:30
Put up prayer flags in the four directions of our tribal boundaries
Bus will be available for who ever needs ride!

Carole Adams recognized for 30 years service

By Yvonne Wynde, Director
Early Childhood Intervention Program
Carole Adams, In-Take Specialist for the Early Childhood Intervention Program, has worked for the Sisseton-Wahpeton programs for 30 years.
Carole received this award last week for her years of service.
Congratulations, Carole!



Carole Adams.

leaders to DC for this once in a lifetime opportunity!
Check out Aliive RC on Facebook to learn how you can contribute!

HAU MITAKUYAPI MEETING FOR ALL

MNI WICONI

Wednesday, May 27, 2015
TiWakan Tio Tipi
Home of the
Sissetonwan Wahpetonwan Dakota Oyate
Agency Village, SD
1:00 p.m.
Calling All Oyate – SWO – Other American Indians
Non-Indian Peoples
Everyone seeing the Sky Smoke from Our Smudging
Everyone who Cares about the Land and Water
Everyone with Dreams for Future Generations
Everyone willing to Stand against Polluters
Everyone who wants to find out what's in our Water

RECOVERY RIGHT HERE AT HOME!
EXPERIENCE STRENGTH & HOPE

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH
STARTING AT 4 P.M.
SISSETON WAHPETON COLLEGE
OMNICIYE TIPI

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY RESOURCES:
AA, NA, ALANON, ALATEEN

CLOSE WITH CANDLELIGHT & SONG
(FOR THE STILL-SUFFERING ADDICT)

OPEN MIC FOR THE COMMUNITY

DOOR PRIZES & FOOD

~ HOSTED BY THE PEOPLE FOR THE PEOPLE ~